

HISTORIC EFFINGHAM- EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN



Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

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Introduction and Significance of Byway

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway celebrates the history of Ebenezer, as the second settlement in the early province, and Effingham County—one of the original eight counties in fledgling Georgia. Ebenezer was settled by German Lutherans fleeing from religious persecution in Salzburg. The Salzburger emphasized family, community, and strong religious faith. As such, their impact on the culture of Effingham County is evident through numerous beautiful and historic churches. Effingham County also tells a story of struggle and strife as the early settlement of Ebenezer had to be moved due to undesirable environmental conditions. New Ebenezer, which was ravaged during the American Revolution, also suffered from the fire and destruction that accompanied Sherman on his March to the Sea during the Civil War.

The Scenic Byway retraces these and other historic events and significant places throughout the county, attesting to times of both prosperity and struggle. Visitors along the Byway will experience beautiful oak-lined streets, expanses of rolling grasslands, and scenic river vistas.

Vision Statement

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee established a vision for the Scenic Byway corridor, based on its desire to both protect and promote the many valuable, intrinsic resources along the scenic vistas that make up the designated route. The nine-member committee crafted the following Vision Statement for the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway:

The vision for the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway is to protect, enhance, and share the cultural, natural, archaeological, historic and recreational quality of this County through the preservation, beautification, and presentation of our unique heritage for present and future generations.



Scenic Byway Route

Travelers may start at any section of the route; however, those wishing to ride the entire Scenic Byway, will want to start along Fourth Street in the City of Rincon. Visitors will then head north, recreating George Washington's Southern tour where he spent the night in 1791. The sites of historic taverns that date back to the American Revolution can also be found along this route.

Heading east, travelers will take Georgia Highway 275 towards the town of Ebenezer. Noted as the second settlement in Georgia, Ebenezer was planned very similar to neighboring Savannah with grid-patterned roads and farm lands just beyond the community. Ebenezer is also home to Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Built in 1769, the church is the oldest continuous congregation in the nation.



Long Bridge

From Ebenezer, travelers will return west along GA 275 and then head north on Long Bridge Road. The view from Long Bridge Road is a flash back in time as you see a glimpse of how the Ebenezer Creek looked to the early settlers with black water from the cypress trees and the haunting landscape of the cypress swamp. As part of the Ebenezer Bike & Canoe Trail, this portion of the Scenic Byway is equipped with public restrooms. In addition, the former railroad town of Stillwell is just a few miles north where only the old Post Office remains.

Travelers will then head north along Stillwell-Clyo Road towards the community of Clyo—a former passenger and freight stop for the South Bound Railway. Along this route, visitors will find the site of the former settlement of Bethany, which thrived during the 18th century. Georgia's first elected Governor, John Adam Treutlen—a Salzburger who was reared and educated in the orphanage at Ebenezer—once had a home at the nearby settlement of Sister's Ferry. Pastoral scenes of planted corn, soy beans, peanuts, cotton, and other grazing crops are interspersed throughout this forested area.



Ogeechee River Bridge

Leaving Clyo and heading north along Georgia Highway 119 is the site of two historic Savannah River ferries. In colonial days, these ferries served a vital role in linking Palachocolas, South Carolina to Tuckaseeking's Bluff in Georgia. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has established a campground and floating dock for fishing at Tuckaseeking.

Also along this area of the Byway, visitors will find the site where Reverend Benjamin Stirk founded the first Baptist church in the state of Georgia.

After returning down GA 119 South, travelers will reach Rabun Street in downtown Springfield. Downtown

Springfield is home to the former Effingham County Jail, which currently holds the Effingham County Historic Society and Effingham Museum. The Effingham County Courthouse and Springfield's Court House Square are also located along this section of the Byway, as are picturesque homes from the early 1800s.

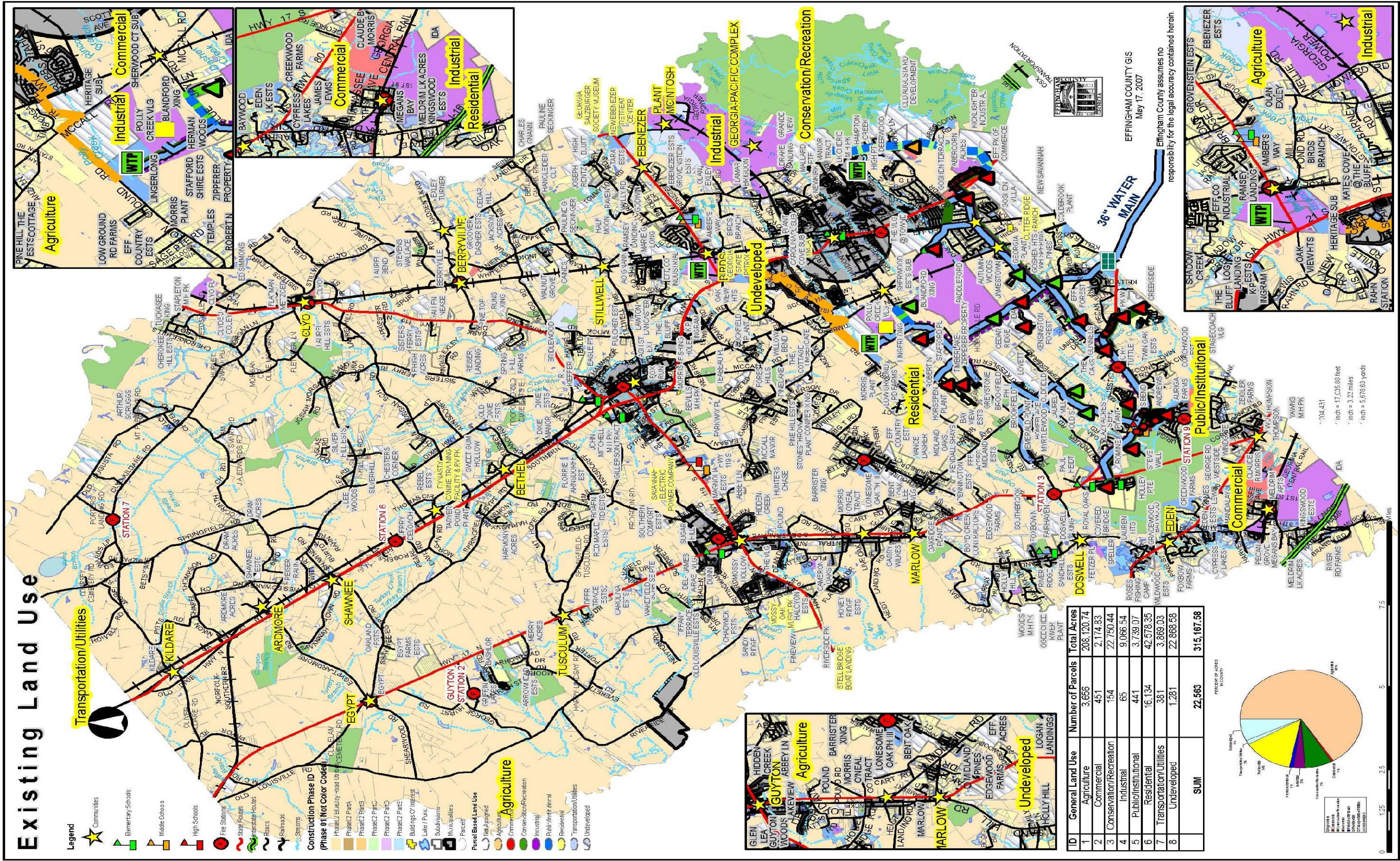
From Springfield, visitors will move west towards the City of Guyton. Along the route, travelers will retrace General Sherman's famed March to the Sea during the Civil War, following in the footsteps of Sherman's Left Wing as they stopped in Springfield en route to Savannah. In addition, Guyton served as home to a large Confederate Hospital that was destroyed when Sherman's troops settled upon the southern town. As Guyton was originally an ideal location for Savannah residents seeking to avoid swamp miasma, the City has beautiful homes dated from the 1800s, providing a charming side trip from the Scenic Byway. The City of Guyton is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Other historical sights include the Walking Trail on the site of the Pilgrim Missionary Industrial Normal School and the New Hope AME Church, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

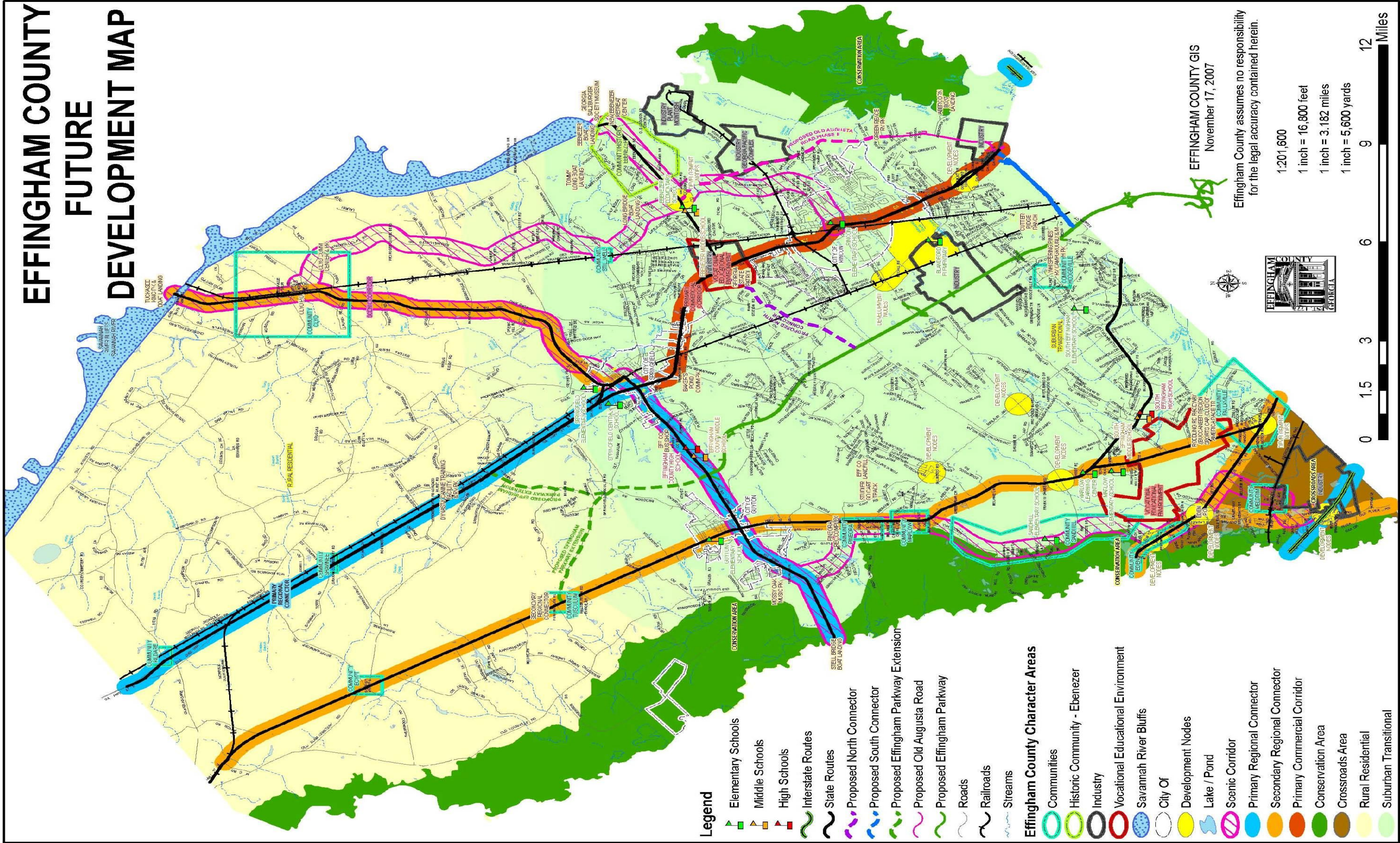
Continuing on GA 119, visitors will eventually arrive at the Steel Bridge—a local swimming and recreation park on the pristine Ogeechee River. After turning back on GA 119 towards Guyton, travelers along the Scenic Byway can then turn onto Honey Ridge Road. It is at this point that travelers will be struck by the overwhelming beauty of the road with its canopy of stately, overhanging oak trees.

Turning south on Georgia Highway 17, the Byway winds past the Zion Lutheran Church and the path of General Sherman's Right Wing on their March to the Sea. Historical markers denote this event. Visitors will continue past the University of Georgia's Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center to U.S. Highway 80. Following U.S. Highway 80 west to Meldrim Road, visitors along the Byway will turn left onto Meldrim Road. The local road will lead them to 5th Street and the Meldrim Memorial Park. The Meldrim Memorial Park was built as a landmark memorial to those that lost their lives in the tragic train derailment in 1959. Finally, travelers continuing on 5th Street will turn onto Bay Street—from here, Interstate 16 can be accessed from Old River Road.

Maps indicating the proposed Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway corridor, as well as current and future land uses, as they relate to the Scenic Byway, follow this section.







Corridor Management Issues

1. In preparing for the Scenic Byway's designation, Effingham County is working on increasing enforcement of ordinances to address old cars and debris along the route.
2. The Effingham County Recreation Department has installed public restrooms at Long Bridge Landing and is soon to install public restrooms at both Steel Bridge and Tuckaseeking Landing. Steel Bridge Landing will receive a new boat ramp and enhanced landscaping. Tuckaseeking Landing will also receive added parking spaces to accommodate weekend boating and recreational use.
3. As Effingham County increases its tourism base, the Board of Commissioners is seeking to introduce a hotel/motel tax in order to promote tourism efforts in the county. These added funds will be used to help market the cultural and historical features that the Scenic Byway encompasses.
4. The community of Meldrim has raised \$57,500 to refurbish playground equipment in the Meldrim Memorial Park.
5. As a result of several public meetings, citizens were able to identify and prioritize areas of concern along the Byway. As a result, the Effingham County Sheriff Department has decreased speed limits in some areas to better accommodate growth and promote safety.
6. Currently, there are no billboards along the proposed route with the exception of two near the City of Springfield. County and local sign regulations prohibit the installation of billboards.
7. Increased tourism activity by the designation and promotion of the route will positively impact the economic development of Effingham County. Not only will the local tax base increase due to the added hotel/motel tax, but local small business owners along the route will also benefit from increased traffic and revenue returns.
8. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) paved and widened U.S. Highway 80 at Georgia Highway 17. In addition, GDOT plans to install medians and a new traffic signal that will promote safety and mitigate traffic congestion.
9. Increased public awareness of Effingham County's historic, cultural, and natural resources will be a positive result of the designation of this route as a Scenic Byway.
10. The Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee will continue bi-monthly meetings to establish priorities, implement the program, and monitor the progress of the project.

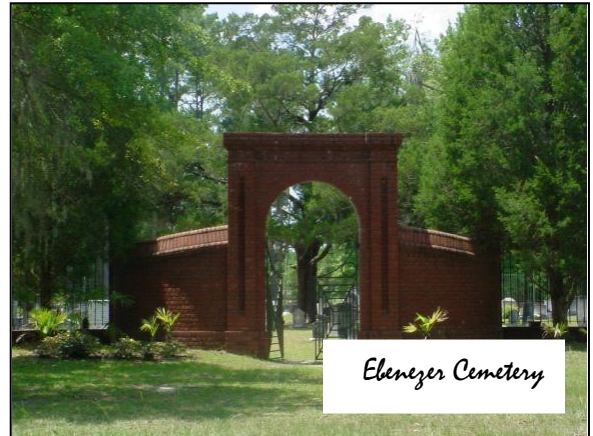
Outdoor Advertising

Designation of the route as a Scenic Byway will subject the route to certain federal restrictions on outdoor advertising. New billboards will be prohibited along those portions of the route designated as Federal-Aid Primary, National Highway System, or Interstate Highway System routes. Please, see the attached Appendix for related correspondence with the Outdoor Advertising Association of Georgia.

Additionally, Effingham County has a new sign ordinance that restricts small commercial signs on all county highway rights-of-way to protect and preserve the natural beauty of the roadways.

Corridor Continuity

The proposed route for the Historic Effingham–Ebenezer Scenic Byway is a continuous 60-mile route with no exceptions. The route circumvents industrial and commercial areas as much as possible.



Community Participation

Community participation is an integral part of public planning process—and the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway is no different. In May 2007, the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee held a series of four public meetings in the Cities of Guyton, Springfield and Rincon, as well as the community of Meldrim. These meetings were designed to invite public input and comment, while also providing an opportunity to educate citizens throughout the County of the Byway project.

The Scenic Byway Committee also invited public participation by advertising the public meetings in the local newspaper as well as posting notices in key County offices, such as the Tax Commissioner's office and the Board of Commissioners' office.

In addition, citizens and businesses directly impacted by the Scenic Byway were contacted through notification by letter. Over 2,000 letters were sent, utilizing County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data to identify property owners along the route. These letters informed citizens of the upcoming public meetings as well as provided them with a map of the Byway route.

Documentation of the public meetings, as well as a copy of the letter distributed to contiguous property owners can be found in the Appendix.

Scenic Byway Committee

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee was the driving force behind the development of the Corridor Management Plan. The Scenic Byway Committee consists of eight community leaders throughout Effingham County. In addition, Patricia Barefoot, formerly the Historic Preservation Planner for the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center, also played a significant role.

The Scenic Byway Committee will continue its responsibilities for maintaining, marketing and publicizing activities along the route as they relate to the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway.

The inaugural Scenic Byway Committee members are listed below.

Scenic Byway Committee Members

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce	Linda McDaniel, Director of Marketing & Events, chairs the Scenic Byway Committee and has been the key leader in the planning of the Byway. Participated in the May 2006 bus tour.	Linda McDaniel 912-754-3301
Guyton Historic Society	Pearl Boynes, President of the Guyton Historic Society, has been exceptional on the Scenic Byway Committee in gaining local support from the City of Guyton. Participated in the June 2006 bus tour.	Pearl Boynes 912-772-5549

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The Georgia Salzburger Society	Betty Renfro has authored a history book of Effingham County, <i>River to River</i> . As Past President of the Historic Effingham Society, she has been instrumental in collecting historical information for this project. Served as a guide on both bus tours.	Betty Renfro 912-826-4705
Historic Effingham Society	Betty Waller, Past President of the Historic Effingham Society and President of the Springfield Garden Club, has provided historical information for the Scenic Byway. Served as a guide on both bus tours.	Betty Waller 912-754-6240
Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center	Patricia Barefoot, former Historic Preservation Planner for the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center, provided information on policy and procedure as well as served as a liaison between State Scenic Byway Coordinator and the local committee. Participated on the bus tour.	Patricia Barefoot 912-262-2875
City of Guyton	Jeff Lariscy serves on the Guyton City Council and has been instrumental as technology consultant on this project.	Jeff Lariscy 912-772-3353
City of Rincon	Scott Morgan serves on the Rincon City Council and has been very supportive of the byway project.	Scott Morgan 912-826-5745
City of Rincon	Tom Grier has been instrumental in the success of the Scenic Byway project from its inception. He serves as a liaison to the Rincon City Council and has participated in several tours as well as all the meetings.	Tom Grier 912-656-6407
City of Springfield	Dennis Webb serves as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Springfield and has used his expertise on city and historic matter to enhance the committee.	Dennis Webb 912-754-6666

Estimated Implementation Timetable

The Corridor Management Plan (CMP) is not a static document, but a fluid tool intended to serve as a general set of guidelines to be used over time to facilitate the development and implementation of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway. Because this document was developed through the committee process with public input, its purpose to continue consensus-building and to help organize related Byway projects.

As such, the Scenic Byway Committee developed this Estimated Implementation Timetable (EIT) to establish a set of goals and objectives as a framework for short-term Byway enhancement initiatives and protection activities. However, as stated above, this is a fluid document, and some of these implementation items are subject to evolve as the CMP is put into place due to changes in local priorities and/or unforeseen economic events. The CMP and its related Estimated Implementation Timetable may be amended and updated accordingly, as desired.

The EIT for the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway is below.

Following the Estimated Implementation Timetable is a listing of strategic goals and objectives identified by the Scenic Byway Committee to promote the Scenic Byway; including showcasing the route's extensive flora and fauna, highlighting historic and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for tourism and economic development. Local government responsibilities are outlined separately.

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Estimated Implementation Timetable.

Project or Activity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Appoint and provide training for the Scenic Byway Committee.	X			Effingham County; Cities	Staff time	General Funds
Meet with GDOT to discuss sign locations, additional sign requests and general road maintenance issues, as necessary.	X	X		Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time; Variable	N/A; Volunteer time
Install signs along the Scenic Byway at designated locations.	X			GDOT; Effingham County	Staff time	General Fund; GDOT Funds
Provide information to property owners along the Scenic Byway regarding state and federal loan programs for residential properties contiguous to the Byway.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County; Cities	Staff/Committee time	General Funds; Tourism budget
Prepare and implement a tree and wildflower plan along Scenic Byway corridor; coordinate with local garden clubs when possible.		X		Scenic Byway Committee; Keep Effingham Beautiful	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Fund; Tourism budget
Implement Effingham Gateway Plan.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Keep Effingham Beautiful; Effingham County; Cities	Staff time; Variable	General Funds; Tourism budget
Coordinate efforts with Keep Effingham Beautiful as warranted and necessary.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Keep Effingham Beautiful	Staff/Committee time	General Fund
Identify potential locations for scenic greenspace enhancements along the Byway.		X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County	Staff/Committee time	General Fund
Apply for National Scenic Byway designation.		X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time	Grants; Tourism budget

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Project or Activity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Coordinate with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce regarding publicity and marketing for the Byway.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time	Tourism budget
Coordinate efforts for tourism development with the 13 th Colony Heritage Trail initiative, once developed.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time; Variable	General Funds; Tourism budget
Work with the Cities of Guyton, Rincon and Springfield to ensure that the Byway objectives are supported in the Effingham County Joint Comprehensive Plan (2007); as well as other related planning documents and programs.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time	General Funds
Review local regulations and zoning ordinances to evaluate their impact on the Scenic Byway corridor; coordinate with local municipalities as necessary.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County; Cities	Staff/Committee time	General Funds
Seek funding to rehabilitate dilapidated or blighted structures, as needed or desired.			X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time	General Funds; Grants
Develop and implement design guidelines along Scenic Byway corridor.	X	X		Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County; Cities	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Funds; GDOT funds; Grants
Adopt corridor management plan along Scenic Byway, in coordination with local jurisdictions.	X	X		Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County; Cities	Staff time; Variable	General Funds
Develop promotional materials for the Byway; distribute on a regional and statewide basis.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Funds; Tourism budget
Continue to integrate the Scenic Byway into other regional tourism efforts, such as the 13 th Colony Heritage Trail.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee	Committee time	N/A; Volunteer time
Coordinate efforts with the Effingham County Board of Education to utilize the Byway as an educational tool in throughout the County; also coordinate school clean-up projects, etc.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Historic Effingham Society	Committee time; Variable	N/A; Volunteer time

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Project or Activity	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Work with Effingham County and the Cities of Guyton, Rincon and Springfield to implement a Byway Façade Improvement Grant program for commercial businesses along the corridor.	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County; Cities	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Funds; GDOT/DCA grant funds
Seek funding to rehabilitate, preserve and protect historic and cultural resources along the Byway.		X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Historic Effingham Society	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Funds; HPD grant funds
Partner with Effingham County to coordinate tourism efforts as they relate to Tuckasee King on the Savannah River, and its designation as one of Governor Purdue's "Go Fish" parks (2008).	X	X	X	Scenic Byway Committee; Effingham County	Staff/Committee time; Variable	General Fund; GDEcD grant funds

Strategic Goals and Objectives for Promotion of Byway

- Create a sense of public pride throughout Effingham County
- Enhance public awareness of cultural and recreational opportunities in Effingham County
- Create greater opportunities for economic development in Effingham County
- Create resource material denoting description and location of Scenic Byway Signage
- Organize group tours to showcase cultural, historic and natural resources
- Develop driving tours with narrative tape
- Create Effingham Historical Sites Program for local sites of interest
- Create kiosk for identifying the route and offering local business points of interest brochures
- Research grants and local funding for the above proposed projects
- Work with the Chamber of Commerce and Governmental Agencies to promote this project



Local Government Responsibilities

- **Placement of Scenic Byway Signs:**

The Scenic Byway Committee will work with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to scenic byways signs along the designated route. Although GDOT will provide the Scenic Byway Signs to identify the corridor, placement of the signs will be the shared responsibility of GDOT and Effingham County.

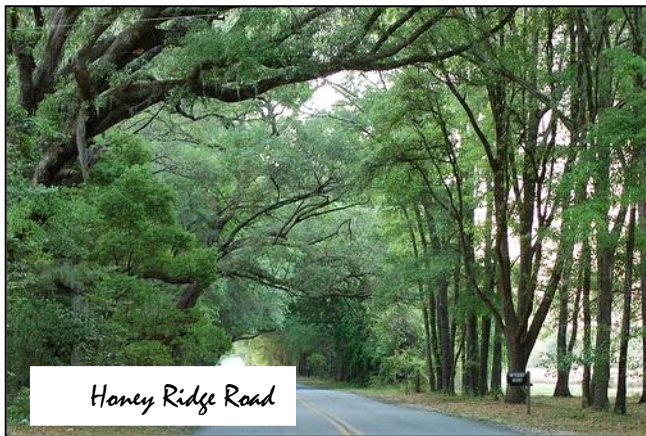
GDOT will install the signs that will be placed along State Routes 17, 119, and 275, as well as U.S. Highway 80. Effingham County will be responsible for placing signs along local routes. In addition, Effingham County government will work to actively maintain roadways, as necessary.

- **Brochure Distribution:**

The distribution of promotional brochures regarding the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway will be carried out by Effingham County as well as the Cities of Guyton, Rincon and Springfield.

- **Other Responsibilities:**

The Scenic Byway Committee acknowledges that the Georgia Department of Transportation assumes no financial or other legal responsibilities.



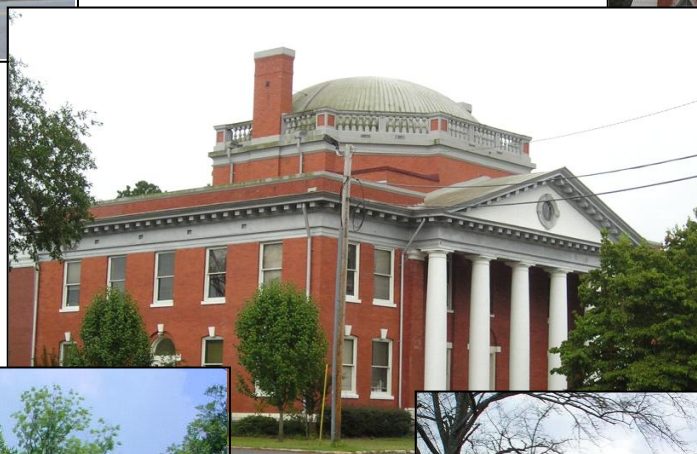
Guyton



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Springfield



Effingham National Register of Historic Places



Ebenezer Townsite and
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
1769-Present



Guyton Historic District
1825-1924



Reiser-Zoller Farm
1875-2000



New Hope AME Church
1869- Present



Effingham County Courthouse
1908- Present



Effingham County Jail
1934-1993

Identification of Byway Sections

Listed below are significant points of interest—either historically or culturally—along the Scenic Byway. Effingham County is blessed with a rich heritage; but, more importantly, it also boasts a strong community pride and commitment to preservation. Tourists and visitors to the Byway have a wealth of attractions to explore, including the historic Ebenezer community; Revolutionary War and Civil War sites; several Georgia Centennial Farms; as well as the Cities of Guyton, Springfield and Rincon.

Ebenezer

- Jerusalem Lutheran Church – built in 1769; listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- Georgia Salzburger Museum
- Savannah River Landing
- Historic Ebenezer Cemetery
- New Ebenezer Retreat Center

City of Guyton

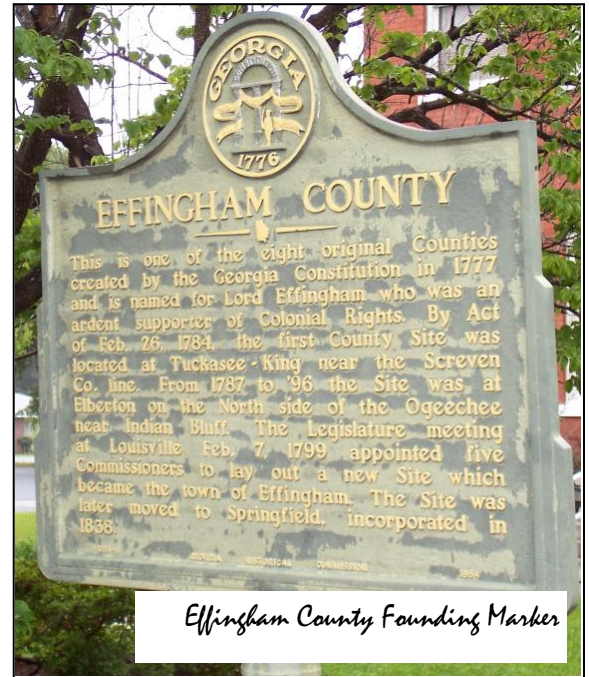
- Historic District of City of Guyton – listed on National Register of Historic Places
- New Hope AME Church – listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- The Pilgrim Walking Trail and Historic Marker for Pilgrim Industrial Institute and Normal School
- Historic Markers denoting the site of the Confederate Hospital
- Historic Marker denoting the site of Camp Davis, Confederate training camp
- Confederate Cemetery Section in Guyton City Cemetery

City of Springfield

- Effingham County Courthouse – listed on National Register of Historic Places
- Courthouse Square
- Historic Effingham Society, Effingham Museum and Living History Site
- Veteran's Park

Effingham County Historical Markers

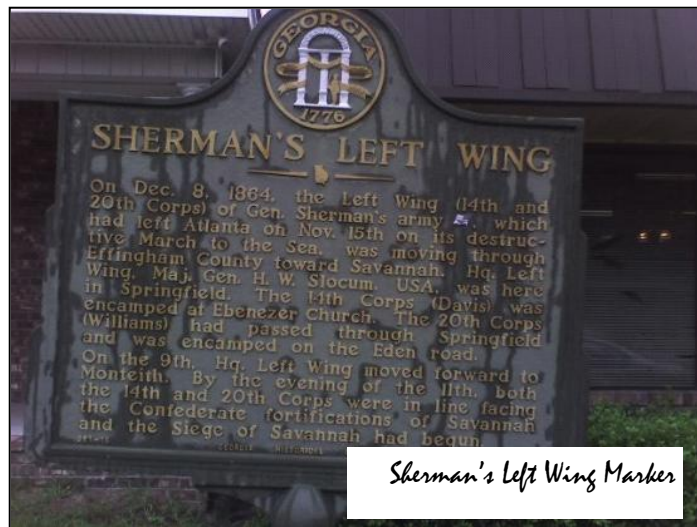
- 51-01 Founding marker
Located on the Courthouse lawn, in Springfield
- 51-02 Jerusalem Ebenezer Church
Six miles off Georgia 21 between Rincon
& Springfield on Georgia 275
- 51-03 Old River Road, Georgia 275
Located on Georgia 275 at the Old Ebenezer
Cemetery
- 51-04 The Rev. John Martin Bolzius-The Rev. Isreal Christian
Gronau burial site, 1734, first ministers to come
to Georgia with the Salzburgers.
Georgia 275 at Old Ebenezer Cemetery
- 51-05 Village of Abercorn, 1733
County Road 3, ½ mile south of Effingham
County line on Highway 21
- 51-06 Silk Culture at Ebenezer, 1736
Georgia 275 at Ebenezer Church
- 51-07 Bethany, 1751
Clyo-Stillwell Road near community of Clyo
- 51-08 Zion Church, 1744
Rincon-Stillwell Road about two miles east of Rincon
- 51-09 Historic Taverns on this Road
Georgia 275 and Rincon-Stillwell Road intersection, about two miles east of Georgia 21
- 51-10 Early Baptists at Tuckaseeking, 1767
2.75 miles north of Clyo on Georgia 119 at the Savannah River Bridge
- 51-11 Goshen Church, 1751
Georgia 21 about one mile north of Chatham-Effingham County Line
- 51-12 Town of Ebenezer, 1736
Georgia 275 at Ebenezer Church
- 51-13 Two Historic Savannah River Ferries
U. S. Post Office on Georgia 199 in Clyo
- 51-14 Old Ebenezer
Junction of Georgia 21 at Log Landing Road, south of Ebenezer
- 51-15 Sherman at Zion church, 1864
Intersection of Georgia 17 at Georgia 30
- 51-16 Sherman's Left Wing, 1864
Georgia 21 in Springfield
- 51-17 Sherman's Right Wing, 1864
US 80 (Georgia 26) at Eden
- 51-18 Old Mount Pleasant
Kildare-Clyo Road, 5.5 miles above Clyo and near Taylor's School Site and Taylor Church
- 51-19 John Adam Treutlen Home
Clyo-Stillwell Road at Sister's Ferry Road near Clyo
- 51-20 Guyton Confederate General Hospital, 1862
Georgia 17 just north of Georgia 119 in Guyton



- 51-21 Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Normal and Industrial Institute, 1880
West of Ga 17 at Pilgrim Walking Trail on the northern limits of the City of Guyton
- 15-10 Jenck's Bridge, 1864, marker in Bryan County at Ogeechee River
US 80 at Ogeechee River, Bryan County side

Other Historical Markers

- National Council of State Garden Clubs, Deep South Region
Georgia 275 at Old Ebenezer Cemetery
- United Methodist Church Camp Ground, 1790
Georgia 21 at southern edge of Springfield on Camp Ground Property
- Daughters of American Revolution, Sister's Ferry
- Colonial Dames, John Adam Treutlen Home site, 1779
- Georgia Salzburger Society, John Adam Treutlen monument
- United Daughters of the Confederacy
Effingham County Judicial Complex
- USA Bicentennial 1976
Effingham County Judicial Complex
- Emblems
Georgia Highway 21 and Seventeenth Street, Rincon, Georgia



Georgia Centennial Farms

- Reiser-Zoller, Walter M. Zoller
Georgia Highway 119, North
- Edward Gnann, Edward Gnann
411 Cletus Gnann Road, Stillwell
- Nesbit Ryall Morgan Farm, Warren P. Morgan
270 Morgan Circle Road, Clyo
- Eddie Heidt
3085 Springfield-Egypt Road, Springfield

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CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN APPENDIX

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway - Resolutions

STATE OF GEORGIA
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED HISTORIC EFFINGHAM- EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Springfield City Council, in regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council has addressed the issue of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined the Scenic Byway Committee has applied to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the classification of the state highway system, beginning:

In Rincon at the intersection of Highway 21 and 4th Street, continue on 4th Street which will change to 4th Street Extension; turn right on Ebenezer Road and proceed to the township of New Ebenezer, Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salzburger Society Museum; follow Ebenezer Road back to the intersection of Long Bridge Road and turn right; continue on Long Bridge Road until end; turn right on Clyo Stillwell Road and continue to the town of Clyo; turn right on Highway 119 and travel Tuckassee King Road; turn left and follow road to boat landing; proceed back to Highway 119 and travel to Early Street Extension; turn left and proceed into the town of Springfield passing Historic Effingham Society Museum, Effingham County Courthouse and other historical houses; turn right on Rabun Street; turn left on Laurel Street; Turn right onto Highway 119 and proceed through the town of Guyton to the Ogeechee River Landing, also known as "Steel Bridge"; proceed back down Highway 119 to the intersection of Honey Ridge Road and turn right; follow Honey Ridge Road to Central Avenue in the township of Pineora; turn right on Central Avenue and continue through four-way stop which turns into Sand Hill Road and ends at Highway 80; turn left onto Highway 80 and travel through the community of Eden making a right turn onto Meldrim Road; follow Meldrim Road into the town of Meldrim; turn right on Bay Road exiting Meldrim; turn left on Old River Road and follow old River Road to the I-16 intersection where you will depart the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council; Recognizes that growth and change do not have to happen at the sacrifice of Historic and Natural Resources, Scenic Vistas, and Community Character;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield City Council endorses the application and urges the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve same; and;

FURTHER, the Springfield City Council extends its appreciation to the Georgia Department of Transportation and Scenic Byway Committee for their willingness to consider such a project in our County.

Adopted this 23rd day of May, 2006.

BY:

Barbara Alderman

ATTEST:

Cathy D. Riving

STATE OF GEORGIA
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSED
HISTORIC EFFINGHAM-EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, in regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

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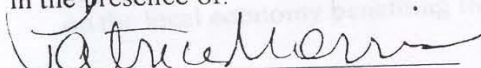
WHEREAS, the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, recognizes that growth and change should not occur at the sacrifice of Historic and Natural Resources, Scenic Vistas, and Community Character;

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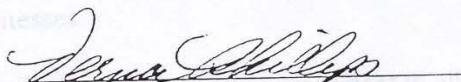
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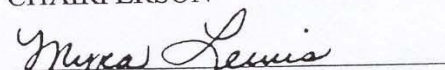
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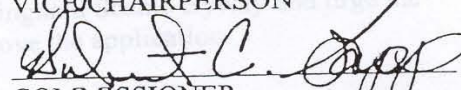
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County Clerk

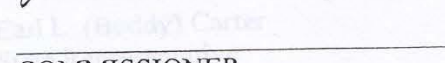
THE COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM,


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Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Preliminary (1st) meeting: February 28, 2006
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

MINUTES;

Present:

Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty R. Waller, Historic Effingham Society/Garden Club; Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes, President, Guyton Historical Society; Mayor Michael Garvin, City of Guyton; Mr. Jeff Larisy, Guyton City Council; Ms. Jennifer E. Stahl, Effingham County Board of Commissioners; Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro, Historic Effingham Society/Effingham County CGRDC HPAC rep.; Mr. Dennis Webb, Springfield City Council

CGRDC Staff Present: Mrs. Teresa Concannon, Local Government Services Coordinator & Mrs. Patricia Barefoot, Historic Preservation Planner

- Followed Agenda set forth for February 28, 2006, reviewing three (3) documents mailed to Mrs. McDaniel
- Provided 11 x 17 maps produced by CGRDC GIS Laboratory and discussed the meaning of a “Georgia Scenic Byway.”
- Discussed those “intrinsic qualities” associated with a Scenic Byway designation
- Discussed the need for support from those local jurisdictions potentially affected by a ‘Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway’ designation
- Talked about economic development and heritage tourism as related to a Scenic Byway designation
- Discussed the potential route seeking consensus and realized GDOT Coordinator needed to address concerns about “loops”—e.g. Guyton & Springfield
- Discussed potential supporters for the Byway designation, e.g. Ebenezer Salzburger Society, Springfield Garden Club, Historic Effingham Society, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
- Discussed the Process and being at Step One—Designation Application
- Discussed each jurisdiction making a list of “intrinsic qualities” prior to the March 21st meeting (Betty Lee Waller)
- CGRDC HPP promised to gather copy of a recent/successful Scenic Byway Designation Application and to mail this to Mrs. McDaniel
- CGRDC HPP promised to get a commitment from GDOT Scenic Byways Coordinator to visit in Effingham County and “ride the Byway.”
- Set a date for meeting again—Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 3:00 PM, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Spur 21, Springfield.

Meeting adjourned about 4:20 PM.

Patricia Barefoot

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

2nd Meeting: March 21, 2006

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Minutes:

Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty R. Waller, Historic Effingham Society/Springfield Garden Club; Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes, President, Guyton Historical Society; Mr. Jeffrey Larisy, Guyton City Council; Ms. Jennifer E. Stahl, Effingham County Board of Commissioners; Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro, Historic Effingham Society/Effingham County CGRDC HPAC rep; Mr. Tom Grier, Rincon CGRDC HPAC rep.

CGRDC Staff Present: Mrs. Patricia Barefoot, Historic Preservation Planner

- Discussed jurisdictions affected by a proposed byway designation, leading to the inclusion of the City of Rincon, at the suggestion of Mrs. Linda McDaniel. All participants concurred.
- Reviewed the “Meriwether-Pike County Scenic Byway” Designation Application provided by Tim Meyer of GDOT
- Discussed other potential partners in support of a byway designation, including Savannah Electric & Planters Electric Membership Corporation.
- Councilman Larisy assisted with altering the working map of Effingham County to reflect the inclusion of City of Rincon. Route includes Section 7: 4th Street Extension in Rincon to the Rincon/Stillwell Road, leading to New Ebenezer
- Announced that Ms. Elaine Armster, GDOT Special Projects Branch Chief will be visiting the community on Apr. 27th to “ride the byway.” Mrs. McDaniel made motel accommodations for her at the Holiday Inn Express, arriving on Apr. 26th.
- Planned a detailed itinerary with HPP Barefoot picking up Ms. Armster at the Holiday Inn Express by 9:15 AM to begin a full-day of meetings with local officials, including breakfast & lunch, as well as riding the proposed route.
- Discussed creating a digital tour product for local officials’ use and as a supplemental document—Jennifer Stahl & Linda McDaniel will take lead on this project.
- Discussed Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro giving an overview briefing for Ms. Armster as part of the breakfast gathering at “Johnson’s on 4th” Restaurant.
- Discussed drafting a resolution for the local officials and targeting mid-May 2006 for Council Agendas, re: support for proposed byway route.
- Scheduled next regular meeting for Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 3 PM, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting adjourned about 5:00 PM

HISTORIC EFFINGHAM-EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

AGENDA

Meeting: Effingham Museum & Living History Site
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 5:30 PM

Sponsor: Historic Effingham Society, Inc, Mrs. Betty Renfro

- I. Review information for finishing the CMP.
- II. Questions on who will be the acting body for submittal and further contact with GDOT.
- III. Where do we go from here?
Implementation for the CMP
The GA 119 Study

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HISTORIC EFFINGHAM-EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

Meeting: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 3:00 PM

Principals: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Director of Marketing & Events; Effingham County Commission, Guyton City Council, Springfield City Council, Rincon City Council

- I. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this process working towards a new scenic byway within the 10-county Coastal Georgia Regional Area!
- II. Recap of Visit by Ms. Elaine Armster, Special Projects Branch Chief, GDOT (Apr. 27, 2006). Email correspondence: Thurs., May 11, 2006
Suggestion to hold stakeholders public meeting of ALL property owners along the byway to address any issues associated with eminent domain.
- III. Designation Application—Where does this stand?
- IV. Letters of Support—City of Rincon, City of Guyton (Do we have copy of the *Minutes* of Council?)
- V. Others Letters of Support (reference: Meriwether-Pike County Scenic Byway)
- VI. Issues/Opportunities
- VII. Where do we go from here?

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Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

4th Meeting: May 16, 2006

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Minutes:

Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty R. Waller, Historic Effingham Society/Springfield Garden Club; Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes, President, Guyton Historical Society; Mr. Jeffrey Larisy, Guyton City Council; Ms. Jennifer E. Stahl, Effingham County Board of Commissioners; Mr. Tom Grier, Rincon CGRDC HPAC rep.

CGRDC Staff Present: Mrs. Patricia Barefoot, Historic Preservation Planner

- Effingham County Board of Commissioners meetings on first/third Tuesdays conflict with Byway Planning Committee meetings. Next meeting scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday—June 13, 2006 at 3:00 PM, Effingham Co. Chamber of Commerce
- Jennifer Stahl announced that LaMeisha Hunter is new Senior Planner & Erin Fowler an intern with Effingham Co. Future meetings will be attended by Ms. Hunter & Jennifer will share Minutes & June meeting information with her.
- Discussed visit of Ms. Elaine Armster, Special Projects Branch Chief, GDOT on Apr. 27, 2006 & her email of Thurs., May 11, 2006 approving the proposed byway route as outlined to her.
- Committee discussed a revision to the route, outlined in letter sent to Ms. Armster & map, by HPP Patricia Barefoot on May 17, 2006. An addition to the proposed byway follows Honey Ridge Road to Pineora, south to the Thomas F. Watson Highway/Highway 80/26, south through Meldrim to exit 148 & Interstate 16.
- Revision to proposed byway route is fully inclusive—that is, all five districts within Effingham Co., as well as the 3 small incorporated cities and the County at large.
- Planning Committee discussed holding a public meeting to notify property owners along the proposed route of support for this scenic byway and to allay any concerns. City of Guyton & City of Rincon have already passed resolutions of support that must now be amended.
- Jennifer Stahl will ask permission of Ms. Hunter to acquire property owners information so that a form letter can be mailed when date for public meeting set at the Administrative Complex. There will be one joint meeting for all jurisdictions.
- Jennifer Stahl will contact Adam Kobek, Public Relations for Effingham Co. & provide him with the packet prepared by her, and request a feature news article for *Effingham County Herald*.
- Jennifer Stahl wants to make certain that proposed scenic byway is included in the Comprehensive Plan for STWP.
- Councilman Jeff Larisy prepared an excellent DVD shown during the meeting, an overview of sites along the proposed scenic byway.

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- Councilman Jeff Larisy drafted a book (MyBook) through the computer. It can potentially be an excellent resale item to promote the proposed scenic byway.
- Mrs. Linda McDaniel worded the proposed scenic byway route so that all Resolutions will be similarly drafted.
- Planning Committee discussed carving up the write-ups on scenic, natural, historic, cultural, archaeological & recreation intrinsic qualities of the proposed scenic byway for the Designation Application. Historic & Archaeological qualities—Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro & Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes; Scenic & Natural qualities—Mr. Bill Tyson, Director of the Effingham Co. Cooperative Extension Service; Cultural quality—Mrs. Martha Ziegler & Mrs. Ann Purcell, Vice-President of the Georgia Salzburger Society; Scenic & Recreation qualities—Mrs. Linda McDaniel & Mr. Clarence Morgan, Director of Recreation, Effingham County
- List of support letters that will be requested include the following organizations or local governments:
 - *Effingham County Board of Commissioners*
 - *City of Guyton*
 - *City of Rincon*
 - *City of Springfield*
 - *Effingham County Economic Development Authority*
 - *Southern Company*
 - *Planters Electric Cooperative*
 - *Alltel*
 - *Guyton Womens Club*
 - *Effingham County Chamber of Commerce*
 - *Historic Effingham Society*
 - *Daughters of the Confederacy*
 - *Georgia Salzburger Society*
 - *Springfield Garden Club*
 - *Rincon Garden Club*
- Planning Committee targeted completion of the Designation Application prior to June 30, 2006. This requires 1) determining the property owners along the proposed scenic byway route 2) drafting letters calling for a public meeting to inform the property owners about scenic byway designation 3) securing a date for the public meeting when the Administrative Complex is available 4) engaging Effingham County Public Relations Director in project for assistance with print media feature news story 5) acquiring copies of Resolutions drafted by the four government jurisdictions 6) acquiring letters of support 7) completing the Designation Application, including detailing any “issues” associated with the corridor, for instance, possible need for additional public restrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

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HISTORIC EFFINGHAM-EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

Meeting: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
Monday, June 19, 2006 at 3:00 PM

Principals: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Director of Marketing & Events; Effingham County Commission, Guyton City Council, Springfield City Council & Rincon City Council

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Recap of Letters of Support & Identification of Responses Needed
- III. Recap of Resolutions (4) passed by local jurisdictions supporting Scenic Byway
- IV. Designation Application—Where does this stand, and who needs to complete the Designation Application? (Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2006)
- V. Pending visit of Special Branch Projects Chief, Elaine Armster & new Scenic Byways Coordinator, Lisa Safstrom (June 22, 2006 @ Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, 12:30 PM)—assuming that the ladies will get lunch on the road
- VI. Issues & Opportunities?
- VII. Where do we go from here? (June 22, 2006 meeting)—Who can participate, and/or How to organize this?

Adjourned:

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Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

5th Meeting (Re-scheduled): Monday, June 19, 2006

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Minutes:

Present: Betty R. Waller—Springfield Garden Club & Historic Effingham Society, Inc.; Pearl Powell Boynes—President, Guyton Historical Society; Dana Skerbetz—*The Spirit* Newspapers; Tom Grier, Betty Renfro—Georgia Salzburger Society, Historic Effingham Society, Inc., County Historian; LaMeisha R. Hunter, Senior Planner, Effingham County; Aaron Fowler, Intern, Effingham County.

CGRDC Staff Present: Teresa Concannon, Planner II & Patricia Barefoot, Historic Preservation Planner

- Group discussed resolutions (4) & letters of support (5) for scenic byway, received to date, including: Effingham County, City of Springfield, City of Guyton, City of Rincon; Historic Effingham Society, Inc., Rep. Buddy Carter (159), Springfield Garden Club, Guyton Historical Society, Veteran's Park of Effingham County & Mrs. Ruth Lee,
- Aaron Fowler took the lead on contacting various civic or government leaders last week. He will make contact, again with: Brent Howell of Georgia Pacific, Norma Jean of Effingham County Hospital, Randy Shearouse, Supt., Effingham County Board of Education, Georgia Salzburger Society, International Paper, State Senator Jack Hill (4), Rep. Jon Burns (157), Guyton Women's Club & Claudette Griffin. Betty Renfro & Tom Grier will back up Aaron Fowler with any needs.
- Linda McDaniel, in absentia due to training opportunity in Athens, Georgia. She had agreed, previously, to contact the Economic Development Authority, Southern Company, Planters Electric Corporation and Alltel for letters of support. She will return on Monday, June 26, 2006 & will hopefully follow-up with this commitment.
- Group discussed completion of the *Designation Application* with a target date of June 30, 2006 for completion/mailing of the application. Aaron Fowler will take the lead on completing the application. Pearl P. Boynes turned in her write-up about the historical qualities of City of Guyton. Effingham County Extension Agent, Bill Tyson turned in a write-up on the scenic & natural qualities of the proposed scenic byway.
- Cultural, archaeological & recreational intrinsic qualities of the scenic byway have not been completed. Effingham County Senior Planner, LaMeisha R. Hunter agreed to do this, using the draft "Cultural Resources Element" of the Comprehensive Plan for Effingham County and the three cities.
- Group discussed corridor management issues, based upon the Meriwether-Pike Counties example & identified 3 appropriate issues: increased tourism activity positively impacting local economies; no billboards; a Keep America Beautiful (KAB) affiliate; ordinances addressing litter & code enforcement; vigilance for

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vandalism; enhanced awareness of historic, cultural & natural resources by citizenry.

- Mrs. Betty Lee Waller showed the group proposed signage for historic properties in Effingham County, backed by the Historic Effingham Society, Inc. and produced by *Fulger's*. These will be individual signs with a common logo and “look” funded by either the property owner (civic pride) and/or through financial backing of the Historic Effingham Society. This will increase the visibility of historic properties throughout the county and have a long-range impact on raising popular awareness of the number, type and quality of historic properties located in Effingham County.
- Group discussed the route for Thursday, June 22, 2006 visit of Special Projects Branch Chief, Elaine Armster and the new Scenic Byways Coordinator, Lisa Safstrom. They will “ride the byway” in a 15-passenger Recreation Department van obtained by Senior Planner, LaMeisha Hunter for this excursion.
- Participants in the Byway Ride are: Lisa Safstrom, Elaine Armster, LaMeisha Hunter, Aaron Fowler, Pearl Powell Boynes, Betty Lee Waller, Betty Ford Renfro; possibly Ed Williams, new County Administrator, and Patricia Barefoot. Tom Grier will meet with the group at 12:30 PM, at the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.
- Route will take participants to Rincon and proceed from that point as the original scenic byway was proposed, going to Ebenezer and from there throughout the county as proposed, including the new addition (and side-trip) on the Honey Ridge Road and Old Sandhill Road route.

Meeting adjourned: 4:35 PM

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AGENDA

Tuesday, October 31, 2006
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

- 1) Letter to Mrs. Linda McDaniel from GDOT
- 2) Next steps in the designation process: notify ALL property owners of potential Scenic Byway status
- 3) Schedule for public hearings
- 4) Developing a Corridor Management Plan
- 5) Timetable for Completion
- 6) Suggestions, comments

HISTORIC EFFINGHAM-EBENEZER SCENIC BYWAY

AGENDA

Meeting: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 12:00 Noon

Principals: Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Director of Marketing & Events; Effingham County Commission, Guyton City Council, Springfield City Council & Rincon City Council

- I. Review information on Public Affairs and notification about public meetings.
- II. Questions for Scenic Byway Coordinator, L. Safstrom regarding change in route (Sandhill Road to Ga. Hwy 17)
- III. Review template of Altamaha Scenic Byways, discuss assignment of sections of Corridor Management Plan
- IV. Where do we go from here? (February 7, 2007 meeting)—Who can participate, and/or How to organize this?

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Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Minutes:

Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce,
Mr. Tom Grier, Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes

CGRDC Staff Present: Mrs. Patricia Barefoot, Historic Preservation Planner

- Lunch meeting held at 12:00 Noon, and informal discussion on change in personnel within Effingham County. LaMeisha Hunter is now working with the City of Rincon, and no longer serving as a Senior Planner with Effingham County government.
- Discussed public affairs and code enforcement, and the need to have a feature article written for local *Effingham County Herald*, re: proposed scenic byway and upcoming public meetings
- Discussed need to keep GDOT Rep. R. Anderson, State Senator J. Hill & State Reps. Burns and Carter informed of scenic byway progress, including development of CMP in a continuous manner.
- Reviewed material from Altamaha Scenic Byway CMP where six public meetings at historic buildings and churches were held. (DCA facilitated four public hearings, with support from CGRDC. After the 1st series, DCA held a workshop for members of the CMP Committee.) GDOT flow chart indicates only two public meetings required.
- Discussed questions for L. Safstrom, re: altered route to include Ga. Hwy 17, and involvement of DCA in the CMP process (Ms. Ebony White, Region 12 Rep. was notified of meeting).
- Discussed contacting CMP property owner stakeholders. L. McDaniel will involve Ms. Janis Beville, Effingham Co. Chamber President, with a tourism interest, in process of identifying adjacent property owners
- Discussed assignments for writing CMP and the importance of getting the process started and thinking about the six intrinsic qualities along the scenic byway.
- Discussed involvement of garden clubs and any Keep America Beautiful affiliate in the three cities and Effingham County. Mrs. Betty Lee Waller of Springfield is a good contact for garden clubs. LaMeisha Hunter is a good contact for information on sign ordinances and a “wayfinding” program for the jurisdictions.
- Discussed acquiring information from the High Sheriff, Jimmy McDuffie or GSP Colonel Bill Hitchins on existing road conditions, or trouble spots along the proposed scenic byway.
- Discussed next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 1:30 PM, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Tom Grier & P. Barefoot proceeded to ride the altered route, taking pictures, collecting information to share with L. Safstrom.

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Springfield, Ga.

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 1:30 PM

Scenic Byway Committee Members Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham Co. Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty Lee Waller, Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro, Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes, Mr. Tom Grier

CGRDC Staff Present: Patricia Barefoot, HPP

Points of Discussion:

- 1) Mrs. Linda McDaniel received a letter (03/05/2007) authorizing her to proceed with the Corridor Management Plan, and approving the amended route as presented to L. Safstrom, Scenic Byways Coordinator on 02/26/2007.
- 2) Committee discussed having four (4) public meetings to accommodate the citizenry within the four jurisdictions impacted by the proposed Scenic Byway: Springfield, Guyton, Effingham Co. & Rincon.
- 3) Mrs. Betty Lee Waller advocated a promotion of the byway concept as a new manner of “using our roadways.”
- 4) Mrs. Betty Lee Waller will locate an article printed in the *Effingham Herald* notifying the communities at large of this “works-in-progress.” She advocates that the designation is a compliment to landowners along the highway. Mrs. Waller suggested a public service announcement being released **now** to “prep the public.” We must “keep our land beautiful and free of litter.”
- 5) Mrs. Betty F. Renfro stated it was important to embrace Effingham County and its potential for tourism.
- 6) Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes noted that the Warnell Center’s inclusion within the newly amended Scenic Byway presents an added incentive, e.g. picnicking.
- 7) HPP requested copy of the letter, from Mrs. Linda McDaniel, sent to the GDOT Scenic Byways Committee member, Mr. Lee for CGRDC files.
- 8) Tom Grier noted that the High Sheriff, Mr. Jimmy McDuffie needs copy of the newly amended Byway route, and that he should be copied information on the CMP.
- 9) Mrs. Linda McDaniel stated that Creshsa has the maps and can identify the property owners along the route.
- 10) Committee members, after discussion, agreed upon the four segments of the Scenic Byway and a manner of dividing up Effingham County into workable groups for public information meeting purposes, as well as selecting venues, dates and time for the meetings.
- 11) Four areas & those members who volunteered to secure the venues are:
Tom Grier, Rincon-4th St. to Stillwell/Clyo Rd (Rincon City Hall, May 10th at 6:00 PM)
Betty Lee Waller, Springfield-Stillwell/Clyo Rd. to County Complex on Ga. Hwy 119 (Springfield City Hall, May 1st at 6:00 PM)

Pearl Powell Boynes, Guyton-County Complex on Ga. Hwy 119 to Ga. Hwy 17/Midland Rd. accommodating both Guyton & S. Guyton (Guyton Women's Club, May 7th at 6:00 PM)

Betty Ford Renfro, Midland Rd. to I-16, encompassing Ga. Hwy #17, 80 & Meldrim (Meldrim United Methodist Church, May 3, 2007 at 6:00 PM)

- 12) Tom Grier & Mrs. Betty Lee Waller discussed the County assets, e.g. boat landings, natural beauty & historic markers. "Promote our assets!"
- 13) Olde Effingham Days will be held in Springfield on Apr. 21st. The group discussed providing information on the proposed Scenic Byway at a Festival Information Booth. The Scenic Byways Committee will design a flier, including a map showing the proposed corridor, and include promotional "words."
- 14) Mrs. Linda McDaniel will work on a press release.
- 15) Lisa Safstrom promised to send a prototype "template" for a letter notifying property owners about a proposed public information meeting & this will be used to draft a suitable letter.
- 16) Mrs. Betty Lee Waller noted that this Scenic Byway project began in April 2003, with a focus on four intrinsic qualities of the Scenic Byway.
- 17) Next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 14, 2007, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce at 11:30 AM. By this date, there should be an accounting for the first list of property owners (May 1st meeting) as a way of gauging difficulty in obtaining this data from GIS files. The facilities or venues for the public meetings will be secured, and the group will work on a rough draft of a flier and possible press release. Mrs. Linda McDaniel will contact Jeff Lariscy to determine if he still has the video & copy of "My Book" that can be used at the public information meetings.
- 18) Tom Grier & HPP will visit (11:00 AM) with the High Sheriff, Mr. Jimmy McDuffie prior to this meeting to discuss any areas along the proposed byway that are known to be hazardous.

Meeting adjourned: 3:20 PM

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Springfield, Ga.

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 11:30 PM

Scenic Byway Committee Members Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham Co. Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro, Mr. Tom Grier, Ms. Ebony White, Mrs. Ann Purcell, Ms. LaMeisha Hunter, and Mr. Ken Stone

CGRDC Staff Present: Patricia Barefoot, HPP

Points of Discussion:

- 1) HPP & Tom Grier reported on their 03/14/2007 morning meeting with High Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie. We talked with the Sheriff about any concerns he had over the proposed scenic byway route due to road safety, hazards & design issues. He identified the Faulkville/Meldrim area and Highways Ga.17 & U.S. 80 as being hazardous due to a transportation improvement project.
- 2) Public meetings dates were updated to reflect current circumstances: Tuesday, May 1, 2007 (Springfield City Hall)
Thursday, May 3, 2007 (Meldrim United Methodist Church)
Monday, May 7, 2007 (Guyton Women's Club)
Tuesday, May 8, 2007 (Rincon Council Chambers/Police Station)
All meetings expected to last for approximately one hour, from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- 3) Linda McDaniel reported on her interaction with Ms. Cresha Jones of Effingham County GIS. She anticipated no problem in easily retrieving information on property owners adjacent to the Scenic Byway. Ms. Jones offered to use "mail merge" so that all letters to the property owners are personalized.
- 4) Committee discussed the three (3) media outlets serving the communities of Effingham County: *The Spirit*, *Effingham Herald*, *Effingham Now*, and the need for publicity on Scenic Byway prior to the May 2007 meetings.
- 5) Committee discussed and came to consensus that mailings to property owners will be no later than April 12, 2007. Postings in public places as well as public service announcements will be placed through April 2007 and information made available at the "Festival Information Booth" on April 21, 2007 and celebration of "Olde Effingham Days."
- 6) Scenic Byway meeting information will be posted on the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce website.
- 7) Committee discussed including an oversize, 11" x 17" map in the mailings; consensus was that color coding of the map was essential but the newly created map reproduces well at 8 ½" x 14".
- 8) Mrs. Janis Beville, President of the Effingham Chamber of Commerce will sign off on the letter to property owners, notifying about informational public meetings.
- 9) Committee agreed to work on a draft of property owner's letter and send through electronic mail to arrive at final draft. Number of letters required undetermined until Ms. Cresha Jones reports back to the Chamber. Supplies, and postage costs undetermined at this time.
- 10) Committee scheduled the next meeting at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting adjourned: 1:20 PM

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Meeting Minutes: 1:30 PM, Wed., Apr. 25, 2007

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Scenic Byway Committee Members Present: Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Effingham Co. Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro, Mr. Tom Grier, Mrs. Ann Purcell, Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes

CGRDC Staff Present: Patricia Barefoot, HPP

Points of Discussion:

- 1) GIS Analyst, Cresha Aycock was recognized for the professional manner in which she handled processing of request and public information meeting printouts for mailing, re: property owners as of Jan. 1, 2007 along the proposed scenic byway.
- 2) With duplicates eliminated, mailing to 1,100 individuals completed on April 24, 2007 through Effingham County personnel assistance.
- 3) Discussed sending copies of the letter & attached map of scenic byway to councilmen and commissioners. The following persons assumed responsibility for delivering letters: Linda McDaniel—Effingham Co.; Pearl P. Boynes—Guyton; Tom Grier—Rincon; Betty F. Renfro—Springfield
- 4) Dates for upcoming public meetings are: May 1, 3, 7, 8, 2007 @ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tom Grier will post notice of public meetings at the Rincon City Hall & Library; & Effingham County
Betty Ford Renfro will post notice of public meetings at the Springfield City Hall & Library;
Pearl P. Boynes will post notice of public meetings at Guyton City Hall & the Guyton Women's Club.
- 5) Linda McDaniel will prepare sign-in sheets for the four public meetings & have oversized maps and easels available at the chamber.
- 6) Patricia will bring 200 copies of the FAQs provided by GDOT for attendees.
- 7) Betty Ford Renfro, Tom Grier, Pearl Powell Boynes all agreed to attend each of the four meetings. Linda McDaniel will attend all but the first meeting, due to family extenuating circumstances. Patricia Barefoot will attend the May 1, 2007 meeting in Springfield.
- 8) Discussed need for public relations/media attention to project for scenic byway. Linda McDaniel will work towards a press release for three newspapers: *Effingham County Herald*, *Effingham Now*, *The Spirit*
- 9) Linda McDaniel will start a spiral notebook assembling the documentation gathered on scenic byway's progress
- 10) Consensus was to hold a workday on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 1:30 PM for Effingham County folks to pull together information for the CMP. Target is a Friday, June 29, 2007 mailing to GDOT for the completed CMP.
- 11) Next full committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 1:30 PM, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting adjourned: 2:35 PM

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee Meeting

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

Thursday, June 14, 2007—1:30 PM

Participants: Dan Elliott, The LAMAR Institute; Mrs. Betty R. Waller, Tom Grier, Mrs. Pearl Powell Boynes, Mrs. Betty Ford Renfro

CGRDC Staff: Patricia Barefoot

In absence of Mrs. Linda McDaniel, Executive Director, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce the group discussed points addressed in a Corridor Management Plan.

Mrs. McDaniel provided the group with the template layout—newsletter-style for the “Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.” Four-color images provide a lovely enhancement for this works-in-progress CMP.

Discussion centered on:

- Signage being erected by the Historic Effingham Society, Inc. & properties keyed to a map for tourism purposes
- Development of a pamphlet or brochure, with map, outlining unique, intrinsic qualities along the corridor routes
- Development of self-guided tour, using pamphlet, brochure/map and possibility of audio-tape tour of the scenic byway route, with points of interests highlighted.
- VIP tour & luncheon for Effingham County dignitaries as an introduction to the “Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway”
- Emerging CVB & Tourism Council headed up by Mrs. Reggie Loper (Sherry)
- Need to engage community on a continuous basis in scenic byway concept.

Committee intends to make a end FY2007 (state) deadline for CMP & towards that end, will meet a final time on Thurs., June 27, 2007 at 1:30 PM, Effingham Co. Chamber of Commerce.

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 PM

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway
PO Box 1078
Springfield, Georgia 31329

April 20, 2007

Dear Property Owner:

A committee of dedicated Effingham County citizens is working diligently for designation of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway. Once designated, it will be the eleventh in the state. Other byways currently in existence are Altamaha, Cohutta-Chattahoochee, Historic Piedmont, Meriwether-Pike, Millen-Jenkins, Monticello Crossroads, Ocmulgee Piedmont, Ridge & Valley, Russell-Brasstown and South Fulton.

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Byway will encompass Fourth Street in Rincon, Rincon-Stillwell Road, Ebenezer Road, Long Bridge Road, Clyo-Stillwell Road, Fourth Street in Clyo, Railroad Avenue in Clyo, Williams Street in Clyo, Highway 119, Early Street Extension, Early Street, Pine Street in Springfield, Rabun Street, Laurel Street, Honey Ridge Road, Georgia Highway 17, Highway 80, Meldrim Road, Bay Road, and Fifth Street in Meldrim and Old River Road. Please find enclosed a diagram indicating the byway.

Support has been tremendous for this project and has been approved by the City of Guyton, City of Rincon, City of Springfield, Effingham County Board of Commissioners, Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, Historic Effingham Society, Guyton Historic Society and Springfield Garden Club.

The only restriction to property owners along the byway is that no new billboards can be placed along the route. If you choose to place a billboard, your portion of the byway will simply be omitted.

The committee hopes you will share our enthusiasm of the byway. To assist in questions you might have, a series of information meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

May 1	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Springfield City Hall
May 3	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Meldrim United Methodist Church
May 7	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Guyton Women's Club
May 8	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Rincon Council Chambers (Behind Library)

Thank you for your time to this important matter and we look forward to building a better Effingham while keeping the traditions of our past.

Sincerely,
Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee

Effingham Ebenezer Scenic Byways Committee

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location- Springfield City Hall, Springfield, Georgia
May 1, 2007 6-7:00 P. M.

Name	Address	Telephone
<i>Kenneth Usher</i>		
<i>Dart Alderman</i>		
<i>Dutch Kieffer</i>		
<i>Lucy Powell</i>		
<i>John Boatright</i>		

Committee Members Present: *Linda McDaniel* *Jimmie*
Betty Walker *Pearl Baynes*

Effingham Ebenezer Scenic Byways Committee

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location- Guyton Women's Club, Guyton, Georgia
May 7, 2007 6-7:00 P. M.

Name	Address	Telephone
<i>W. Garrison</i>		
<i>Earl Garrison</i>		
<i>C.D. Dean</i>		

Committee Members Present: *Linda McDevitt* *Tom Green*
Betty Walker *Pearl Baggett*

Effingham Ebenezer Scenic Byways Committee

Public Meeting Sign In Sheet

Location- Rincon City Hall, Rincon, Georgia
May 8, 2007 6-7:00 P. M.

Name	Address	Telephone
<i>Susie Davis</i>		
<i>Mariane Wendel Knir</i>		
<i>Charles Ziegler</i>		

Committee Members Present: *Linda McDaniel* *Betty Ruffolo*
Betty Waller *Pearl Boyers*

Effingham County

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 14, 2007

Honorable Jimmy McDuffie
Effingham County Sheriff
PO Box 1015
Springfield, GA 31329

Dear Jimmy:

Pursuant to fulfilling the designation process of the Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway, we held our second property owner meeting in Meldrim Thursday, May 3, 2007.

Mrs. Kim Lee, a nurse at Memorial and a property owner along the proposed Byway in Meldrim, raised some legitimate concerns about the traffic and safety problems in Meldrim. She spoke eloquently and passionately. According to her, the volume of traffic has dramatically increased recently and the traffic does not generally adhere to speed limits. She expressed that she hoped that a tragedy would not have to happen before something was done about the problem.

The Byway committee assured Mrs. Lee that we would bring her concerns to the attention of the County and the Sheriff's Dept. It is the responsibility of the Chamber, as sponsor of the Byway project, to address such concerns as a part of fulfilling the Corridor Management Plan required by DOT and this letter and any follow up by the County will be included in the CMP submitted to DOT.

Mrs. Lee understands that the Byway project is a good thing for Meldrim in that it will showcase the community and its historical heritage to the community and tourists who may choose to visit our unique county. But the traffic problems that already exist in that community are sure to endanger not only those who already live there but also any heritage tourism traffic, therefore jeopardizing the effectiveness of this wonderful project.

The Chamber and Byway Committee offer our services to facilitate a follow-up meeting in Meldrim, which might include Chamber members, Sheriff and any others concerned.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter,

Sincerely,


Linda McDaniel

cc: Mrs. Verna Phillips



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Atlanta, Georgia

Bobby E. Parham
12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 606
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November 22, 2010

Mrs. Betty Renfro
Historic Effingham Society, Inc
Post Office Box 999
Springfield, GA 31329

Dear Mrs. Renfro,

This letter is written in support of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway project currently being prepared for consideration by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Effingham County is uniquely bordered between the Ogeechee River on the west and Savannah River on the east and possesses a heritage rich in history and diversity. From the early Creek and Yuchi Indians to the German Salzburger immigrants, Effingham County has persevered while preserving history that will be enhanced by the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway. If Effingham County so chooses, the Byway can be the catalyst for economic development opportunities.

Please know that as your representative on the Georgia Department of Transportation Board, I congratulate you on this opportunity and stand ready to assist the citizens of Effingham County in future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Bobby Parham, Board Member
12th Congressional District

Effingham County
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 1, 2007

Mr. Vernon Lee
Outdoor Advertising Association
of Georgia

RE: Historic Effingham Ebenezer Scenic Byway.

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Committee is working very hard to finalize the corridor for the byway. Our application has been approved and we are developing the Corridor Management Plan. After further consideration to the route, the decision was made to remove Sand Hill Road from the byway corridor. The new route will travel a few hundred yards down Honeyridge Road and intersect with Highway 17. From this point Highway 17 south will be traveled to Highway 80. From there Highway 80 west will be traveled approximately one mile to Meldrim Road where the original route will be restored.

The committee feels the new corridor will encompass historic markers as well as the University of Georgia Mary Karhrs Warnell Forest Education Center where numerous architectural awards have been received.

I have spoken to Mr. Hubert Sapp, Effingham County First District Commissioner, concerning changing the corridor from Sand Hill Road to Highway 17 and he is in complete agreement with the change as proposed. The change will not have any effect on his jurisdiction since the new route remains in the first district.

Thank you for your service to Effingham County with this project.

Sincerely,

Linda McDaniel

Linda McDaniel
Director of Marketing



Department of Transportation

State of Georgia

#2 Capitol Square, S.W.

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October 17, 2006

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Linda McDaniel
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1078
Springfield, GA 31329

Subject: Approval of Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Application

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

The Department has completed its review of the eligibility application for the proposed Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway. Our Program Requirements for the application have been met, with the stipulation of the US 80 portion of the route being segmented out of the byway, as will be noted in the Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan (CMP). We encourage you to proceed with the next steps in the designation process- notifying property owners of the potential Scenic Byway status and developing the CMP.

We want to stress the importance of public involvement in your CMP preparations. Please continue working with your community, local agencies, and locally elected officials. Should you need additional assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Safstrom, State Scenic Byways Coordinator, at 404-463-0001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela T. Alexander".

Angela T. Alexander
State Transportation Planning Administrator

ATT:lms

cc: Raybon Anderson, State Transportation Board, 12th Congressional District
Michele Lindberg, FHWA, Georgia Division
Vernon D. Martin, Executive Director, Coastal Georgia RDC
Martha Reimann, Department of Community Affairs
Kent Ingleheart, Scenic Georgia
Vernon Lee, Outdoor Advertising Association of Georgia

**Historic Preservation Advisory Council
Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center
P. O. Box 1917
Brunswick, Georgia 31520**

May 29, 2006


Mrs. Linda Daniel
Director
Marketing and Events
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 1078
Springfield, Georgia 31329

Dear Mrs. Daniel,

On behalf of the 10 county regional Historic Preservation Advisory Council of Coastal Georgia RDC, I would like to offer our support for the establishment of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic By-Way. This scenic by-way will further the establishment of a strong heritage tourism base for coastal Georgia as well as helping to promote the significant culture and heritage of Effingham county. This scenic by-way will also help to achieve many of the tourism development and natural and cultural resource elements of your local comprehensive plan, as well as the tourism and heritage related goals in the Coastal Georgia Master Plan.

I applaud your effort to establish this new scenic by-way and I wish you continued success as you move forward in this endeavor. If the Historic Preservation Advisory Council can assist you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Darren Harper

Chair

Historic Preservation Advisory Council
Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center

cc: Patricia Barefoot, Preservation Planner
Coastal Georgia RDC



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March 5, 2007

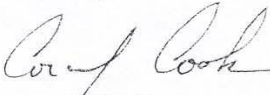
Ms. Linda McDaniel
Director of Marketing
520 West Third Street
P.O. Box 1078
Springfield, GA 31329

Subject: Approval of Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway route amendment

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

After careful consideration of your request to amend the route of the proposed Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway, the Department is pleased to announce its acceptance of the revision. Removing Sand Hill Road and replacing it with SR 17, from Honey Ridge Road to US 80, adds to the scenic attraction and historical character of the corridor. The presence of the University of Georgia Mary Kahrs Warnell Forest Education Center on the new route will be a valued amenity. You may proceed with the development of your Corridor Management Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Lisa Safstrom, State Scenic Byways Coordinator, at 404-463-0001.

Sincerely,


for Angela T. Alexander
State Transportation Planning Administrator

ATT:LMS
cc: Patricia Barefoot, Coastal Georgia RDC



Georgia-Pacific

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Consumer Products

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Savannah River Mill
Consumer Products Division

June 27, 2006

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Director, Marketing and Events
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1078
Springfield, GA 31329

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

Georgia-Pacific welcomes the county's proposed scenic byway through historic Ebenezer and Effingham County as part of our county's comprehensive plan. With an abundance of history in Effingham, we recognize the importance of sharing the many historical treasures found among the roads and riverbanks of our county. Only by sharing them with others who visit our county can we preserve the heritage and traditions upon which Effingham County was founded.

Georgia-Pacific realizes the impact increased tourism can have on the local economy, and it is our hope that the scenic byway will provide more opportunities for visitors to eat in our local restaurants, shop in our stores, and stay in our hotels. This community-driven effort to generate interest in our county's history could play an important role in providing those opportunities.

As a corporate partner in the Effingham community since 1986, we support our county's efforts to explore establishing a Scenic Byway in the local area and look forward to what the project can mean for our community.

Sincerely,

Brent G. Howell
Environmental, Safety and Health Manager

Sincerely,

Rev. Donald Hensley
President
The Georgia Landmarks Society

CC: File

Georgia Salzburger Society

2980 Ebenezer Road • Rincon, Georgia 31326

Telephone: (912) 754-7001



June 23, 2006

Mrs. Linda McDaniels
Effingham Chamber of Commerce
529 W. Third Street
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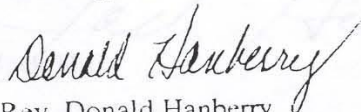
Dear Mrs. McDaniels,

The Georgia Salzburger Society takes great pleasure in endorsing the proposed Scenic Byways Project through Effingham County. We are proud to be a designated location on the proposed site.

The purpose of the Society is to "preserve the memory of Georgia Salzburgers and descendants through landmarks, monuments, genealogies, records, histories, lectures, celebrations, fellowship, and a museum". This Byways program will enable us to bring our site to the attention of more visitors through Effingham County, to enhance the awareness of our beautiful county as well as educate tourists and visitors to the heritage, history, and cultural facets available here.

Thank you and your committee for your insight and dedication to this project. Please call on us for any future assistance.

Sincerely,


Rev. Donald Hanberry
President
The Georgia Salzburger Society

CC: File

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The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

June 26, 2006

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Effingham Chamber of Commerce
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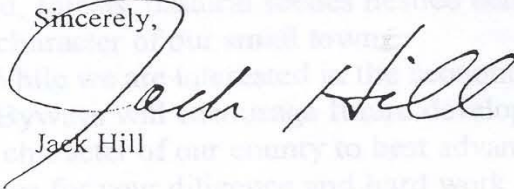
Dear Linda:

I am writing in support of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce's Scenic Byway application that is currently being submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for consideration.

Effingham County and Ebenezer are rich in historical landmarks which are invaluable to Georgia's history. I feel it is important to share the history of Georgia's settlement, which Ebenezer played such a large part in with others. I also welcome the prospect of increased tourism in the area, which will have a significant impact on the entire region economically, as local businesses are supported.

I encourage the Department of Transportation to approve this Scenic Byway through Effingham County and Ebenezer, as the natural and cultural history of the route is evident.

Sincerely,


Jack Hill

JH:awt



**EFFINGHAM
HOSPITAL**
GROWING WITH YOU

June 20, 2006

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1078
Springfield, GA 31329

Dear Linda:

The Effingham County Hospital proudly supports the proposed Effingham County Scenic Byway. Our hospital works on improving the quality of life for its citizens but there is much to be said about a community having a cultural quality of life. Effingham boasts tremendous natural and historic resources that should be shared with everyone.

One of our favorite stops along the proposed scenic byway is the site where the Guyton Confederate General Hospital formally stood. At one time the hospital housed over 270 beds for wounded soldiers. Although the building has burned down the history lives on.

Please accept our letter of support for Effingham's Scenic Byway and we urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve the application.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Morgan
Chief Executive Officer

NJM:ctk

June 21, 2006

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 1078
Springfield, GA 31329

Dear Linda:

The Guyton Women's Club proudly supports the proposed Effingham County Scenic Byway. From age-old churches to the previous location of a confederate hospital, Guyton has a rich history we wish to share with visitors. Honeyridge Road is beautifully lined with overhanging oak trees and Guyton's downtown shops take you back to another era. There is much to cherish in our town.

It is always exciting to see culture and history celebrated and we look forward to sharing these with visitors.

Please accept our letter of support for Effingham's Scenic Byway and we urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve the application.

Sincerely,

Claudette A. Guffin

Pres. Guyton Women's Club

Guyton Historical Society

P.O. Box 565
Guyton, Ga. 31312


June 6, 2006

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Director of Marketing & Events
Effingham County Chambers of Commerce
Springfield, Ga. 31329

The Guyton Historic Society take great pride in "Our Town." We are pleased to support the proposed scenic By Way. This will enhance our efforts to show case our Historic Homes and Churches.

Thanks for all the hard work devoted to bringing the By Way to fruition.

Sincerely,


Pearl Powell-Boynes
Pres. Guyton Historic Society

Please accept our letter of support for Effingham's Scenic Byway and we urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve the application.

Sincerely,



Rick Lee

Chairman, Veterans Park

Rick Lee, 301 Chester Thomas Rd., Springfield, Ga. 31329 Phone: 706/337-1111

**VETERANS PARK
OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

Ms. Linda McDaniel
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
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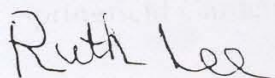
Dear Linda:

It is a pleasure for Effingham's Veteran's Park to endorse the proposed scenic byway through Effingham County. The natural and historic beauty is plentiful here in Effingham and we look forward to sharing these assets with visitors. We commend the efforts of the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce to create this route dedicated to admiring our county's beauty and history.

By approving this route visitors will take part in promoting our local economy. The effects of tourism can be significant by promoting local businesses and establishments along the route.

Please accept our letter of support for Effingham's Scenic Byway and we urge the Georgia Department of Transportation to approve the application.

Sincerely,



Ruth Lee
Chairperson, Veterans Park

Ruth Lee, 531 Chester Thomas Rd., Springfield, Ga. 31329 Phone: 754-6730

Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway
Effingham county Senior Planner
Effingham County Board of Commissioners
601 North Laurel Street
Springfield , Georgia 31329

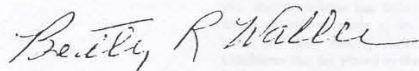
June 1, 2000

The Springfield Garden Club is in full support of establishing the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Byway as soon as possible. Our County has a quantity of beautiful countryside scenes and historic sites that are so valuable for generations of American rural lifestyle to see and enjoy.

The mission statement of the Garden Club of Georgia states that we promote beautification, conservation, and education of our State of Georgia.

We take pride in working with our community organizations to accomplish this byway for Effingham County.

Sincerely



Betty R. Waller, President
Springfield Garden Club

Effingham County
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

From: Safstrom, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Safstrom@dot.state.ga.us]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2006 4:14 PM
To: pbarefoot@coastalgeorgiardc.org; lhunter@effinghamcounty.org; linda222@alltel.net
Subject: Effingham Scenic Byway addition

Hi Patricia, LaMesha and Linda,

Thank you so much for hosting Elaine and I this past Thursday for the tour of the byway. We were so impressed with the knowledge you all had regarding the historical value of the area. We really enjoyed the tour of the museum and found the whole experience very enlightening and enjoyable.

As far as the new addition to the byway, it does meet GDOT approval and we are pleased that you have put so much thought and effort into identifying this route. We had some minor concerns with a few areas that had junkyards or trailer parks that were a bit unsightly, but if I recall correctly, the code enforcement office had been called in regards to the area around the corner from the Meldrim Park, and we also understand that each byway has individual elements that reflect various aspects of the area's character, which we appreciate. I'm looking forward to receiving your application in the near future, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa Safstrom
State Scenic Byways Coordinator
Office of Planning
Georgia Department of Transportation
2 Capitol Square SW, Room 330
Atlanta, GA 30334-1002
(404) 463-0001
(404) 463-4379 (fax)
lisa.safstrom@dot.state.ga.us

cc: Linda McDaniel

The Chamber and Byway Committee offer our services to facilitate a follow-up meeting in Milledgeville, which might include Chamber members, Sheriff's and any others concerned.

Thank you for considering this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Linda McDaniel
Linda McDaniel

cc: Linda Verna Mullins

OAAG Approval Documentation

From: Conner A. Poe [<mailto:cpoe@oaag.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 4:18 PM
To: Safstrom, Lisa
Subject: Re: Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

We are good.

Conner A Poe
678-449-6404

On Jan 19, 2011, at 3:20 PM, "Safstrom, Lisa" <[L.Safstrom@dot.ga.gov](mailto:LSafstrom@dot.ga.gov)> wrote:

Hi Conner,

Have you gotten a chance to talk to your folks on this? Thanks,

Lisa Safstrom
State Scenic Byways Coordinator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning, 5th floor
600 W. Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
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From: Safstrom, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 3:13 PM
To: 'Conner A. Poe'
Subject: RE: Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Hi Conner,

Here is a detailed route description. There a few 'out and back' extensions, which you can see on the map on page 4 of the CMP that I posted on the ftp site. Please let me know if you have any questions.

4th Street in Rincon to GA 275
East along GA 275 to Ebenezer
Return back on GA 275 west to Long Bridge Road
North on Long Bridge Road to Stillwell-Clyo Road to Clyo
From Clyo north on GA 119 to the Savannah River
Return back down GA 119 to Rabun Street in Springfield
West to Guyton on GA 119 to Ogeechee River
Return back on GA 119 to Honey Ridge Road
South on GA 17 to US 80
US 80 west to Meldrim Road
Left on Meldrim Road to 5th Street, then onto Bay Street (end)

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Can I get a detailed summary of the start and ends of where this will be, I need to email my folks.
Thank you
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From: Safstrom, Lisa [<mailto:LSafstrom@dot.ga.gov>]
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2010 5:05 PM
To: 'Conner Poe'
Subject: Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway

Hi Conner,

I wanted to let you know that work on a proposed scenic byway in Effingham County is resuming after some hiatus. The sponsors have submitted a revised Corridor Management Plan for review, which you can access on our FTP site (it's too large to email). The route encompasses portions of SR 275, SR 119, SR 17, and some local roads, all of which have county and local sign ordinances prohibiting the installation of billboards. However, we are required to get confirmation that OAAG has received notice of the proposed route. We had notified Vernon Lee in 2007 but I'm not sure if we had contacted you since then, as the project was dormant for some time. If you could please let me know (via email is fine) that you've been made aware of this proposed byway we'd greatly appreciate it.

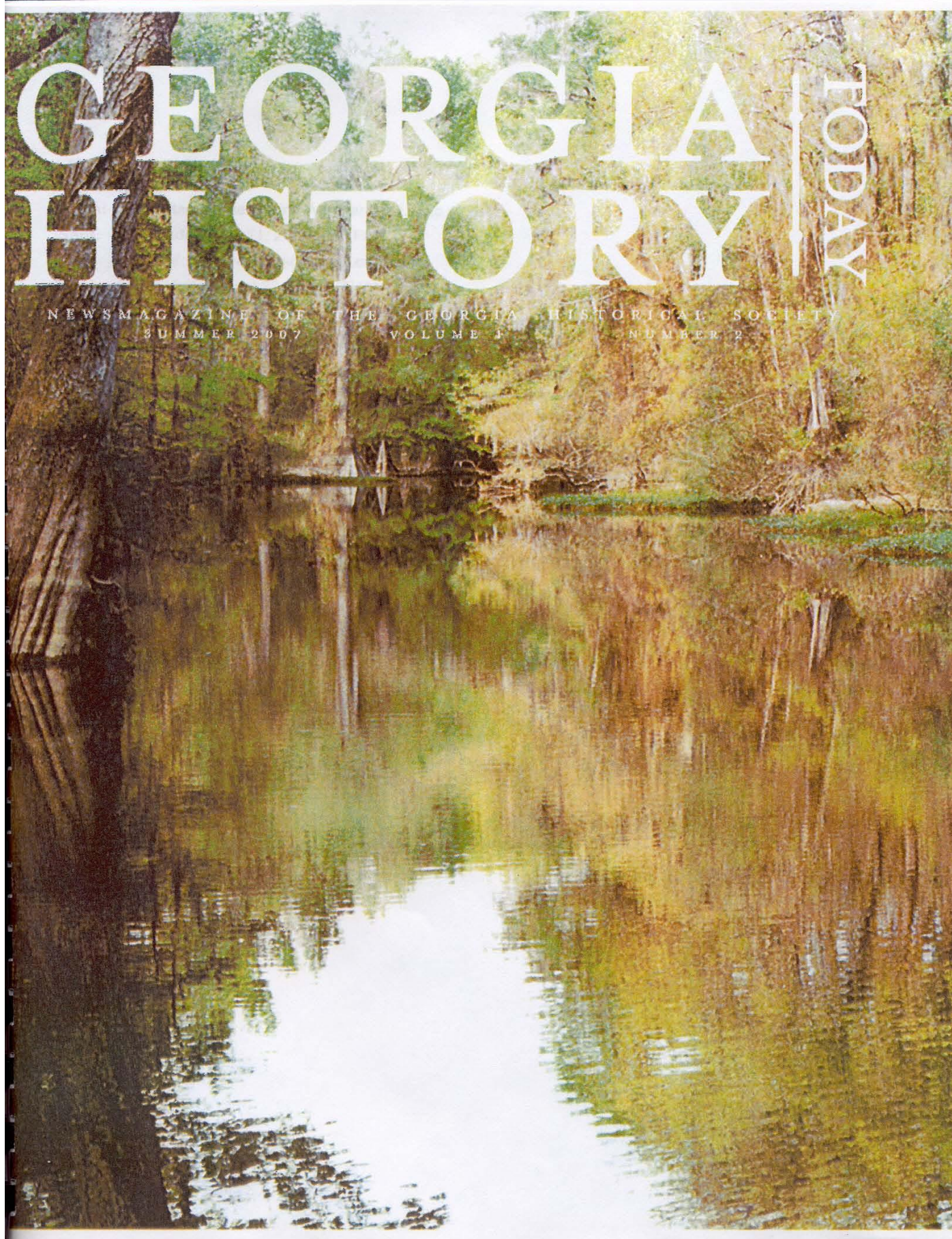
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Open the Anonymous folder and scroll down to the Scenic Byways folder.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

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County getting into the tourism game

Chamber of Commerce forins committee to coordinate county tourism efforts

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Effingham County is embarking on a new venture—tourism. The Chamber of Commerce has recently established a

tourism committee to coordinate tourism for the county. Members of the group work in a number of fields including agriculture and hospitality.

"There are a lot of one day trips in Effingham County," stated Janis Bevell, chamber of

commerce president.

She cited a number of places in the county that would make for tourist attractions: Old Ziler Place (where many old movies were filmed), Ebenezer Creek, Butterducks Winery, Honey Ridge and Woodlawn Planta-

tions and Sister's Ferry.

"It's so much potential here," Bevell asserted.

The tourism committee is conducting an inventory of the county and plans to bring in a marketing specialist from the University of Georgia to address the committee on ways to promote tourism.

Bevell said that the chamber of commerce has talked about addressing tourism for years.

However, she believes that now the time is right to move forward with the issue, especially in light of the new Scenic Byway that is under development.

Senior county planner, LaMeisha Hunter shares that the county's application has been approved by the Scenic Byways Program of the Georgia department of transportation. The next step for the county is to complete the corridor management

plan.

Georgia currently has eight byways. The byways program defines a Georgia scenic byway as a route with intrinsic qualities that should be protected. The qualities may be scenic, historical, natural, archaeological, recreational or cultural.

Effingham County's scenic byway travels throughout the

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Tourism

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county and highlights the cultural and historical sites of this area, according to Hunter.

The growth of the county is expected to help with tourism efforts. And Bevell believes that current residents of the county should be targeted along with outsiders so that they, too, can learn about what their county offers.

The committee is full of ideas, according to Bevell. For example, the committee has talked about providing hotels in and out of the county with brochures that are placed in the lobby.

They have considered conducting a one-day tour for tour directors of other areas so that they can refer individuals to the county. And they are thinking about developing a 3-4 minute DVD, which will promote the county's attractions.

"We just need a way to channel everyone's knowledge," she admitted.

Extension Service Director, Bill Tyson is at the helm of promoting agribusiness in the county.

"We're located in a good place," he said about the county's location. He states that he gets calls all the time from individuals in Savannah wanting to visit farms.

The county's farm gate value for last year was around \$25 million, according to Tyson. And the farms here produce cotton, corn, small grains, soybeans and peanuts. There are cattle farms, as well.

Tyson asserts that agribusiness has a lot to offer tourists—and farmers. Those not accustomed to rural, farm life would get the opportunity to learn more about it and farmers would benefit economically from the interest in their operations.

He cited north Georgia vineyards and Brantley County as examples of the opportunities that exist for agribusiness in tourism. Counties such as Sumter, Troup and Tift have made promoting tourism a priority.

"I don't want Effingham County to miss out on opportunities," Tyson added.

This is the first tourism body the county has had and Bevell hopes the committee will become permanent.

Funding tourism promotion can be funded by grants. In addition, the committee is writing a letter to the county commission asking consideration of a hotel tax. The money from this tax would go toward tourism, as well.

Bevell stated that Effingham is one of the few counties that does not already have a hotel tax.

The tourism committee meets the second Thursday of each month at the chamber at noon. The meetings are open to the public and lunch is provided. Anyone planning on attending should let the chamber know beforehand so that everyone will get a lunch.

Bevell encourages everyone to contact the chamber about the sites or activities they would like to see promoted.

For information about how other Georgia counties promote tourism in their area, log onto the following sites:

- Americus-Sumter County at www.therealgeorgia.com
- LaGrange-Troup County at www.lagrangechamber.com
- Tifton-Tift County at www.tiftontourism.com.

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Scenic byway nears reality

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SPRINGFIELD — Visitors and residents soon may be able to take a leisurely Sunday drive on the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway.

State officials recently approved the proposed route and the local byway committee expects to submit the final plan by June 30, said Linda McDaniel, director of marketing and events for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber has scheduled three public meetings to provide information about the byway. The first meeting will be at 6 p.m. today at Springfield City Hall.

The Georgia Department of Transportation defines a scenic byway as any designated highway, street, road or route, which features certain intrinsic qualities that should be protected or enhanced. Only 10 corridors have achieved Georgia Scenic Byways status, according to the Georgia DOT.

The main purpose of the Effingham byway is to increase tourism in the county, McDaniel said. Designated markers will be set up along the route to point out various historical sites, such as the Effingham Museum and Living History Site in Springfield.

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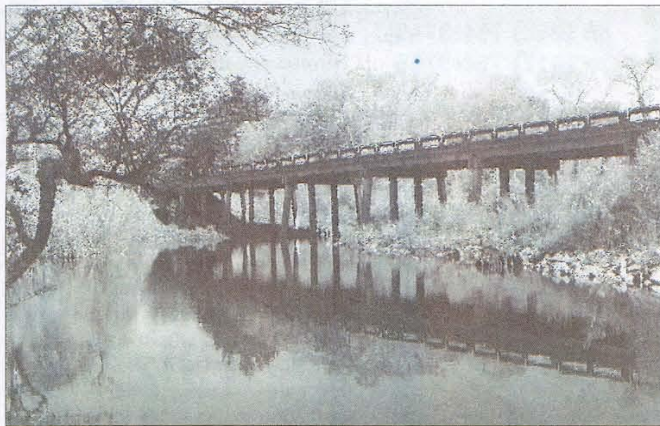
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The scenic byway designation will also make Effingham eligible for grants it would not have been able to receive without, McDaniel said.

The only restriction to property owners along the byway is that no new billboards can be placed along the route, according to the Georgia DOT. If a property owner does choose to place a billboard, that portion of the byway will simply be omitted, McDaniel said.

McDaniel said the scenic byway process has been about four years in the making.

"I think it's a worthwhile cause," she said.



Effingham County Chamber of Commerce

This bridge in Effingham County has been identified as part of the Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway. The proposed designation for the highway, which runs from Meldrim to Clyo to Rincon, was recently approved by the Legislature and is the subject of a series of public meetings in the county beginning tonight.

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This section of Honey Ridge Road is part of the proposed scenic byway.

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Proposed scenic byway would highlight county's historic sites, PAGE 3

Cruising the county

Scenic byway would feature Effingham's historic sites

RINCON — Driving doesn't have to be about getting from one destination to another. It can be a learning experience, too.

Effingham County residents and officials are working to make the latter option a more common reason for getting in the car.

They're in the process of creating a state-sponsored scenic byway that winds throughout the county, showcasing various historic sites along the way.

The Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway is about four years in the making, said Betty Waller, president of the Springfield Garden Club.

The garden club initially came up with the plan in 2003, Waller said.

"The benefit of the byway is that it will attract tourism, and then it will create an appreciation for local residents in this area," she said.

The byway will provide protection of scenic and natural areas, and encourage pride in taking care of the landscape along the highway, she said.

The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce took the lead in creating a byway in 2006, said Linda McDaniel, director of marketing and events.

The proposed route was recently approved by the Georgia Department of Transportation, McDaniel said.

The byway committee now must draft a corridor management plan, a guide for future promotion, preservation and enhancement of the byway. The

plan will be submitted to the DOT's byway department to see if any revisions are needed. If approved, the plan will be submitted to the DOT board for approval. McDaniel said committee members hope to have it to the board by June 30.

The Chamber recently held public meetings in Springfield, Meldrim, Guyton and Rincon to inform residents about the byway and address concerns.

The only restriction the byway will create for property owners is a ban on new billboards along the route, McDaniel said. If property owners choose to put up a billboard, that section of the route will simply be left out, she said.

Kim Lee, a Meldrim resident, initially had concerns about the amount of speeding that takes place along Meldrim Road, a proposed section of the byway.

"I don't think byway drivers will be that kind of traffic, but they will have to contend with that type of traffic," Lee said during a public meeting earlier this month.

Still, Lee said she supported the byway and said the speeding issue could be solved if there was more of a law enforcement presence in the area.

Byway committee member Tom Grier said he would try to arrange a meeting between Meldrim residents and county officials to address the issue.

Susie Davis, who supports creating the byway, suggested during a meeting in Rincon on May 8 that there should be more restrictions than just a ban on billboards. Davis was concerned that businesses may set up portable signs with the fluorescent lettering that are common along Ga. 21. McDaniel said such signs probably would not be a factor because the byway route is too far from businesses for such signs to be posted.

Maxine Wendelken, who also attended the Rincon meeting, was concerned that restrictions would be imposed on land own-

ers in the future. McDaniel said any restrictions are up to the Effingham County Board of Commissioners and, while she could not predict what future officials will do, she believed no additional restrictions were planned.

There are 10 scenic byways in Georgia, according to the DOT. McDaniel said the Meriwether-Pike County Scenic Byway, which was approved in early 2005, is the most similar to what the chamber is trying to establish in Effingham.

The byway, a 55-mile route from Meriwether County to Pike County, is aimed at attracting tourism, providing drivers a scenic alternative and raising awareness of the area's historic locations, said Kip Purvis, president of the Meriwether County Development Authority.

"It's just one more tool you can use to draw people into your community," Purvis said. "At the same time give us an opportunity to preserve some of our rural past."

The byway was only just added to the DOT map this year, Purvis said, so it is too early to see any increase in visitors, but he expected that to occur over time. There have been no traffic problems caused by the byway, he said.

The addition of the byway has affected how the county looks at its comprehensive plan in terms of what type of zoning should be allowed along the route, Purvis said.

Developers now have to make certain allowances if they want to develop there, he said. But the location is a benefit in itself.

"It's a plus at that point to be along that byway," Purvis said. "I mean it's a beautiful area out here."

For a map of sites along the proposed scenic byway, go to **Page 8**.

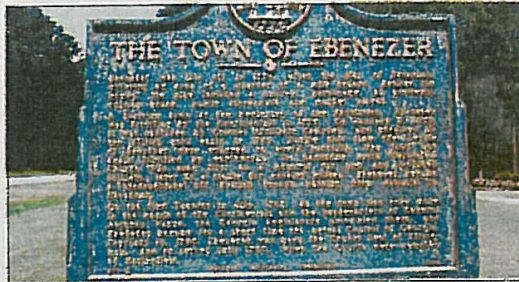


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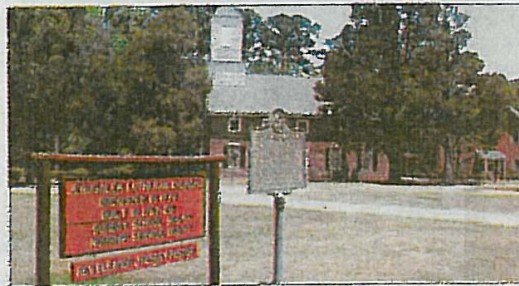
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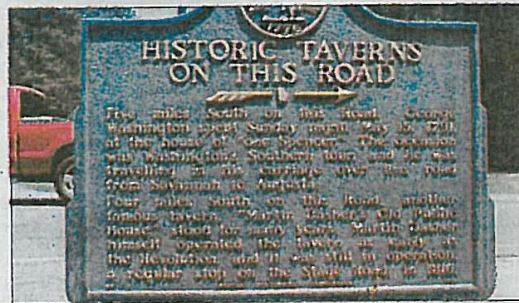
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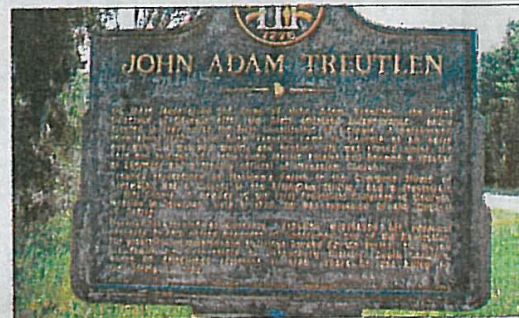
2. The Jerusalem Lutheran Church is one of the historical sights along the proposed scenic byway.



3. This sign on Ga. 275 Road tells of President George Washington's travel through the Savannah area and of a historic tavern.



4. This sign on Stillwell Road marks the longtime home of John Adam Treutlen, Georgia's first governor.

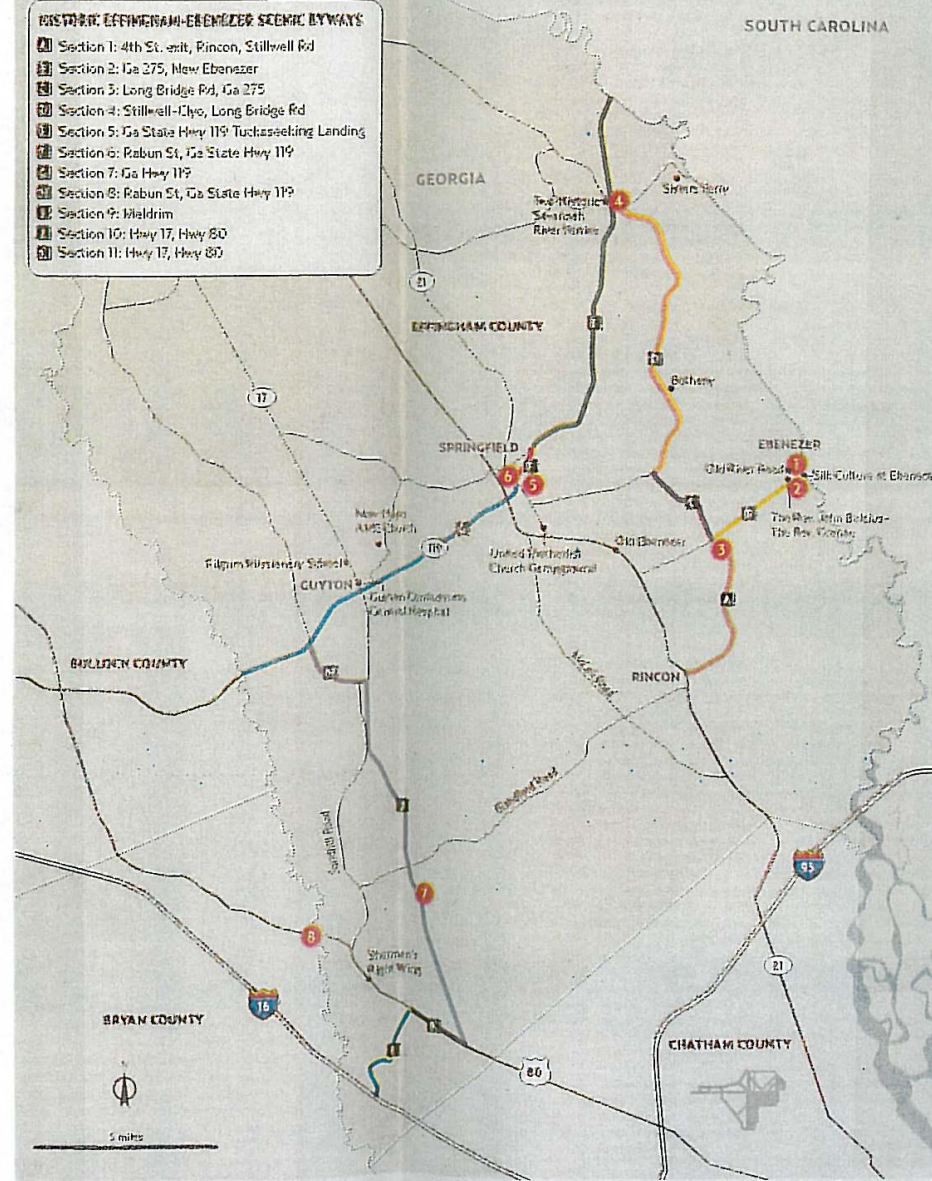


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- 2 Section 2: Ga 275, New Ebenezer
- 3 Section 3: Long Bridge Rd, Ga 275
- 4 Section 4: Stillwell-Clyde, Long Bridge Rd
- 5 Section 5: Ga State Hwy 119, Tuckasee Landing
- 6 Section 6: Rabun St, Ga State Hwy 119
- 7 Section 7: Ga Hwy 119
- 8 Section 8: Rabun St, Ga State Hwy 119
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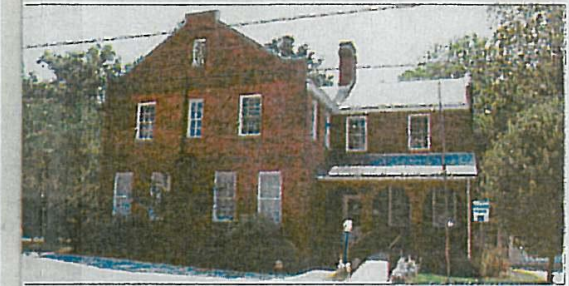
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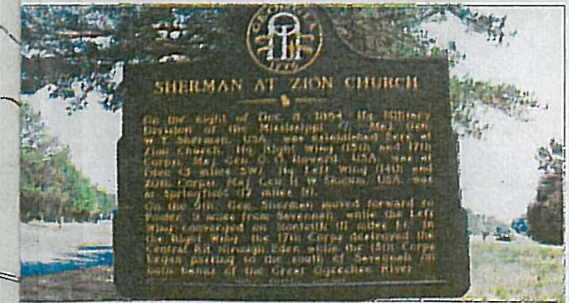
5. The marker in front of the old county courthouse in Springfield marks the establishment of Effingham County.



6. Travelers can stop at the former Effingham County Jail, now a museum in Springfield.



7. This sign on Ga. 17 south of Cuyton marks the site where Major General William Sherman stationed troops on Dec. 8, 1864.



8. Jenck's Bridge along Long Bridge Road can be seen from a boat landing area along the proposed byway.

